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Washington, DC 20036

#### Information

Description: 12-3J14-19-B-0275  
Bid invitation number: 2000005995  
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 04/04/2019 13:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 04/18/2019 13:00:00

Opening date: 04/18/2019 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

(Bulk Potatoes for Processing), SOLICITATION NO: 2000005995- TRADE MITIGATION

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell bulk potatoes for further processing pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the Trade Mitigation: Food Purchase and Distribution Program. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, May 2nd, 2019. Deliveries are to be made between July 15, 2019 to September 30, 2019.

This invitation for bids is part of the Food Purchase and Distribution Program under the authority of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), with the purpose to assist farmers in response to trade damage from unjustified retaliation. Funding for this purchase is under Section 5 of the CCC Charter Act.

In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.203-2 (as found in SAM.gov representations and certifications) offerors have certified that the prices in their offer have been arrived at #independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor.# In accordance with procedures outlined in FAR 3.301, suspicion of collusive activities shall result in a rejection of the offeror(s) by the contracting officer. As such, contracting personnel are an important potential source of investigative leads for antitrust enforcement; USDA/AMS is required by 41 U.S.C. 3707 and 10 U.S.C 2305(b)(9) to report any bids or proposals that evidence a violation of the antitrust laws.

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh vegetables are required to undergo and pass the USDA AMS SCP Specialty Crop Inspection Division (SCID) Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices (GHP) verification audits, and must score at least 80% on each of the following scopes for each product being offered:

GAP - Farm Review; Field Harvesting & Field Packing Activities  
GHP - Storage & Transportation

All these requirements shall be met PRIOR to the bid opening date.

Brokers are exempt from the GAP/GHP requirements themselves, however its suppliers/subcontractors performing under the contract shall have the applicable USDA GAP/GHP certification(s).

Verification audits shall be performed by the USDA, AMS, SCP-SCID representatives only

In order to verify that the contractor and/or its subcontractors/suppliers are in compliance with GAP/GHP certification, offerors are required to submit a list of GAP/GHP certified suppliers and shippers for all scopes of the contract being performed and for all commodities being offered. This list must be uploaded in WBSCM as part of their bids. Bids received without this list, or are missing one of the

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scopes specified above for GAP/GHP will be deemed nonresponsive

Offerors who do not intend to perform the contracts awarded under this solicitation must submit a list of their approved subcontractors/suppliers on separate sheet of paper to be uploaded into WBSCM with their GAP/GHP certificates, and to be submitted with their bids.

If USDA/AMS finds that suppliers used by the contractor are not in compliance with AMS GAP/GHP certification requirements after the product is delivered, the following courses of action will apply:

1. The first time non compliance occurs AMS will deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries
2. The second time non compliance occurs:
  - a. USDA/AMS will deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries;
  - b. The contract will be terminated for default; and
  - c. The contractor will be suspended from participating in all future USDA/AMS fresh fruit and vegetable solicitations for a period of one (1) year from the date of contract termination.

Purchases will be made on an f.o.b. destination basis to cities on this Solicitation. Destination quantities listed are estimates and subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient needs, market conditions, and program operations.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

Offers must be submitted electronically via the Web-Based Supply Chain Management System (WBSCM). Offers submitted by any means other than WBSCM will be deemed nonresponsive. Offerors must be active in WBSCM and have the required bidder roles in order to submit offers under this Solicitation. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions or call (202) 720-4517 for assistance.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated March 2019; the Commodity Specification for Bulk Products for Further Processing, as amended; or this Solicitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA, AMS, Room 3522-South; 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.; Washington, D.C. 20250-0239. Telephone: (202) 720-4517. FAX: (202) 720-2782.

The USDA prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.) To file a complaint of

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discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users)

**See attached documents:**

- 1 . Master Solicitation March 2019
- 2 . Commodity Specification for Bulk Product for Further Processing

**Attributes :**

OFFEROR CERTIFIES THAT THE OFFER IS MADE SUBJECT TO THE MASTER SOLICITATION; COMMODITY SUPPLEMENT AND/OR SPECIFICATION(S); THIS SOLICITATION; THE AGRICULTURE ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (AGAR) AND THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (FAR).

Timely performance: Offeror and any subcontractor have completed required performance of any USDA contract prior to this bid opening.

- Permitted values:
- Have been delivered
  - Have not been delivered
  - Have not been delivered, but the Offeror has notified the Contracting Officer
  - There are no existing contracts/purchase orders

OFFEROR REQUESTS HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS PRICE EVALUATION PREFERENCE. APPLIES ONLY TO FIRMS CERTIFIED IN THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION#S HUBZONE PROGRAM (FAR SUBPART 19.13).MUST BE THE MANUFACTURER/PRODUCER OF THE PRODUCT TO RECEIVE A PRICE PREFERENCE

Furnish name, title, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address of person submitting this bid (must be an officer of the company or a person authorized to execute contracts/purchase orders on behalf of the bidder).

IS THE OFFEROR AN ENTITY THAT HAS FILED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION IN ONE OF THE FIFTY STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR THE VARIOUS TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES? YOU MUST ANSWER THE NEXT 3 QUESTIONS IF THE ANSWER FOR THIS QUESTION IS YES.

HAS THE OFFEROR BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

HAS THE OFFEROR HAD ANY OFFICER OR AGENT OF OFFEROR CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION FOR ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF OFFEROR UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

DOES THE OFFEROR HAVE ANY UNPAID FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY ASSESSED, WHICH ALL

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JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED/LAPSED, THAT IS NOT BEING PAID IN A TIMELY MANNER PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT WITH THE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING IT?

Offeror acknowledges receipt of the amendment(s) to the solicitation. Select N/A if no amendment was issued to the solicitation.

Permitted values:     - Yes  
                               - No  
                               - N/A

**Bid invitation Item details**

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Material Description</b>	<b>Required by</b>	<b>ZipCode</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>VEGETABLE, FRESH</b>				
<b>20</b>	<b>POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ</b>				
<b>30</b>	<b>EASTON ME</b>				
40	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	09/01/2019-09/15/2019	04740	LB 1,920,000.00 0
50	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	09/16/2019-09/30/2019	04740	LB 5,597,260.00 0
<b>60</b>	<b>CONNELL WA</b>				
70	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	07/01/2019-07/15/2019	99326	LB 180,000.000
80	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	07/16/2019-07/31/2019	99326	LB 40,000.000
90	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	08/01/2019-08/15/2019	99326	LB 166,534.000
100	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	08/16/2019-08/31/2019	99326	LB 40,000.000
110	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	09/16/2019-09/30/2019	99326	LB 240,000.000
<b>120</b>	<b>OTHELLO WA</b>				
130	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	07/01/2019-07/15/2019	99344	LB 682,704.000
140	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	07/16/2019-07/31/2019	99344	LB 280,000.000
150	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	08/01/2019-08/15/2019	99344	LB 320,000.000
160	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	08/16/2019-08/31/2019	99344	LB

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
					360,000.000
170	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	09/01/2019-09/15/2019	99344	LB
					579,310.000
180	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	09/16/2019-09/30/2019	99344	LB
					1,452,482.000
					0
<b>190 PASCO WA</b>					
200	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	09/01/2019-09/15/2019	99301	LB
					200,000.000
<b>Total Quantity for POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ</b>					
					LB
					12,058,290.000
					00
<b>210 POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK</b>					
<b>220 BLACKFOOT ID</b>					
230	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	07/01/2019-07/15/2019	83221	LB
					80,000.000
240	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	07/16/2019-07/31/2019	83221	LB
					40,000.000
250	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	08/01/2019-08/15/2019	83221	LB
					80,000.000
260	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	08/16/2019-08/31/2019	83221	LB
					136,910.000
270	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	09/01/2019-09/15/2019	83221	LB
					40,000.000
280	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	09/16/2019-09/30/2019	83221	LB
					144,000.000
<b>290 LEWISVILLE ID</b>					
300	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	07/01/2019-07/15/2019	83431	LB
					120,000.000
310	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	07/16/2019-07/31/2019	83431	LB
					160,000.000
320	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	08/01/2019-08/15/2019	83431	LB
					120,000.000
330	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	08/16/2019-08/31/2019	83431	LB
					160,000.000
340	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	09/01/2019-09/15/2019	83431	LB
					280,000.000
350	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY	09/16/2019-09/30/2019	83431	LB

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Item Material Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
PRD-BULK			160,000.000
Total Quantity for POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK			1,520,910.00 0
Total Quantity for Invitation			13,579,200.0 00



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