

**United States Department of Agriculture**  
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Washington, DC 20036

#### Information

Description: **12-3J14-19-B-0575**  
Bid invitation number: **2000006352**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 08/13/2019 11:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 08/27/2019 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 08/27/2019 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

Fresh Fruit, SOLICITATION NO: 2000006352

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh fruit pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the National School Lunch Program and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 10th, 2019. Deliveries are to be made between October 7, 2019 through December 18, 2019.

#### Material Codes:

110561,,APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB  
100521,,APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB  
100514,,APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB

are 100% Total Small Business Set Aside. NAICS Code 311991 with a size standard of 500 employees or less applies to this requirement.

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh fruit are required to obtain and maintain a current, approved USDA AMS SCP Specialty Crop Inspection Division (SCID) Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices (GHP) verification audit. Vendors 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 # House Packing Facility; & Storage and Transportation

These audits must be approved PRIOR to the bid opening.

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. Offerors are required to submit a list of GAP/GHP certified suppliers and shippers who will be performing on the contract, for all scopes being performed, and for all commodities being offered.

\*\*\*\* This list must be uploaded in WBSCM as part of the bid. BIDS RECEIVED WITHOUT THIS LIST, OR ARE MISSING ONE OF THE SCOPES SPECIFIED ABOVE, WILL BE DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE. USDA reserves the right to determine individual suppliers and/or shippers non-responsive. Such determination would not permit the offeror to make changes in capacity offered.\*\*\*\*\*

If, after award, USDA/AMS finds that the contractor has utilized suppliers other than those approved for the contract, or that the previously approved suppliers have since been determined non-compliant or expired on GAP/GHP certification, 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

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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.

This Solicitation may show multiple stops on some line items; however, the number of stops will be limited to a maximum of three. To determine the number of destinations, review the "Tendering Text" for the lot, which will indicate the City and State for each stop. Bidders may submit different prices for each stop. However, a price is required on all line items within the lot.

For offshore destinations (Puerto Rico, Hawaii, etc.), offerors have the option to choose to enter their bids direct to the offshore destination or to the port.

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. Once awarded, substitutions for variety changes will not be permitted. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated August 2019; the Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated July 2019, 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.

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**See attached documents:**

- 1 . CommoditySpecificationforFreshFruitJuly2019
- 2 . Master of Solicitation August 2019

**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 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.

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Permitted values: - Yes  
 - No  
 - N/A

**Bid invitation Item details**

	Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
<b>10</b>	<b>FRUIT, FRESH</b>						
<b>20</b>	<b>APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB</b>						
<b>30</b>	<b>GENEVA IL</b>						
40	110561		APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	12/02/2019-12/04/2019	60134		CS
						980.000	
<b>50</b>	<b>HOUSTON TX</b>						
60	110561		APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/07/2019-10/09/2019	77029		CS
						980.000	
70	110561		APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/14/2019-10/16/2019	77029		CS
						980.000	
80	110561		APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/21/2019-10/23/2019	77029		CS
						980.000	
90	110561		APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/28/2019-10/30/2019	77029		CS
						980.000	
100	110561		APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/04/2019-11/06/2019	77029		CS
						980.000	
110	110561		APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/11/2019-11/13/2019	77029		CS
						980.000	
120	110561		APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/18/2019-11/20/2019	77029		CS
						980.000	
130	110561		APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/25/2019-11/27/2019	77029		CS
						980.000	
140	110561		APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	12/02/2019-12/04/2019	77029		CS
						980.000	
<b>150</b>	<b>PHARR TX</b>						
160	110561		APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/04/2019-11/06/2019	78577		CS
						980.000	
<b>170</b>	<b>PLANO TX</b>						
180	110561		APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/11/2019-11/13/2019	75075		CS
						980.000	
190	110561		APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	12/09/2019-12/11/2019	75075		CS
						980.000	
<b>200</b>	<b>VICTORIA TX</b>						

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210	110561	APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/07/2019-10/09/2019	77901	980.000	CS
<b>Total Quantity for APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB</b>					<b>13,720.000</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>220 APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB</b>						
<b>230 ATLANTA GA</b>						
240	100521	APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB	11/04/2019-11/06/2019	30318	924.000	CS
<b>Total Quantity for APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB</b>					<b>924.000</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>250 APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB</b>						
<b>260 AKRON OH</b>						
270	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/21/2019-10/23/2019	44307	924.000	CS
280	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	12/16/2019-12/18/2019	44307	924.000	CS
<b>290 FORT WORTH TX</b>						
300	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/07/2019-10/09/2019	76107	924.000	CS
310	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	11/04/2019-11/06/2019	76107	924.000	CS
320	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	12/02/2019-12/04/2019	76107	924.000	CS
<b>Total Quantity for APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB</b>					<b>4,620.000</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>					<b>19,264.000</b>	<b>CS</b>



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