

**United States Department of Agriculture**  
**1400 Independence Avenue,**  
S.W. - Room 3522  
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Room 3522-S, STOP 0239  
Washington, DC 20036

#### Information

Description: **12-3J14-19-B-0609**  
Bid invitation number: **2000006398**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

### SOLICITATION Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 08/28/2019 13:20:00  
Offer Due Date : 09/10/2019 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 09/10/2019 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

##### Tendering text - Header :

CANNED VEGETABLES(CARROTS), SOLICITATION NO: 2000006398

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Canned Vegetables 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 17, 2019. Deliveries are to be made between December 1, 2019 through December 15, 2019.

The specialist for this solicitation is Carol Givens-Verser (Carol.Givens-Verser@usda.gov). The contracting officer for this solicitation is Kelli Dawkins (Kelli.Dawkins@usda.gov). Please contact the specialist first, with questions regarding the requirements of this solicitation. Do not discuss your bid prices with the specialist or contracting officer before award.

Offerors who intend to use more than one processing plant and shipping point for contracts awarded under this solicitation, other than the processing plant and shipping point entered in their bids, may submit a list of their approved processing plants and shipping points on a separate sheet of paper to be uploaded in WBSCM, and to be submitted with their bids.

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. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated August 2019; Specification for Canned Vegetables dated March 2019; or this Solicitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA, AMS, Room

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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 . Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetables March 2019F 3-22-1
- 2 . Master 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

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(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.

Permitted values:       - Yes  
                               - No  
                               - N/A

**Bid invitation Item details**

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
<b>10</b>		<b>VEGETABLE, CANNED</b>			
<b>20</b>		<b>CARROTS CAN-6/10</b>			
<b>30</b>		<b>ONTARIO CA</b>			
40	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	12/01/2019-12/15/2019	91761	CS 912.000
<b>50</b>		<b>NEWARK NJ</b>			
60	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	12/01/2019-12/15/2019	07114	CS 912.000
<b>70</b>		<b>VINELAND NJ</b>			
80	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	12/01/2019-12/15/2019	08360	CS 912.000
<b>90</b>		<b>MCALESTER OK</b>			
100	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	12/01/2019-12/15/2019	74501	CS 912.000
<b>110</b>		<b>CRANSTON RI</b>			
120	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	12/01/2019-12/15/2019	02920	CS

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					912.000	
<b>130 DALLAS TX</b>						
140	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	12/01/2019-12/15/2019	75247		CS
					912.000	
<b>150 LOT: 286338541 HOUSTON TX / PHARR TX ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 286338541 HOUSTON TX / PHARR TX / SAN ANTONIO TX /						
160	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	12/01/2019-12/15/2019	77029		CS
					304.000	
170	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	12/01/2019-12/15/2019	78577		CS
					304.000	
180	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	12/01/2019-12/15/2019	78277		CS
					304.000	
<b>190 LOT: 439876087 DIXON CA</b>						
200	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	12/01/2019-12/15/2019	95620		CS
					456.000	
210	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	12/01/2019-12/15/2019	95620		CS
					456.000	
<b>220 LOT: 443727517 LITTLE ROCK AR / VAN B...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 443727517 LITTLE ROCK AR / VAN BUREN AR /						
230	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	12/01/2019-12/15/2019	72206		CS
					304.000	
240	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	12/01/2019-12/15/2019	72956		CS
					608.000	
<b>250 LOT: 446049657 BATON ROUGE LA / ST MA...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 446049657 BATON ROUGE LA / ST MARTINVILLE LA /						
260	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	12/01/2019-12/15/2019	70806		CS
					401.000	
270	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	12/01/2019-12/15/2019	70582		CS
					511.000	
<b>280 LOT: 559332892 AUBURNDALE FL / PENSAC...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 559332892 AUBURNDALE FL / PENSACOLA FL /						
290	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	12/01/2019-12/15/2019	33823		CS
					684.000	
300	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	12/01/2019-12/15/2019	32503		CS
					228.000	

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Item Material Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
Total Quantity for CARROTS CAN-6/10			10,032.000	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation			10,032.000	CS



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