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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: 12-3J14-20-B-0042
Bid invitation number: 2000006518
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 11/27/2019 13:30:00
Offer Due Date : 12/11/2019 13:00:00

Opening date: 12/11/2019 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

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(Bulk Apples for Further Processing), SOLICITATION NO: 2000006518

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell bulk apples for further processing 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 December 26, 2019 Deliveries are to be made between April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2019.

The specialist for this purchase is Bonnie Meyer at bonnie.meyer@usda.gov. The contracting officer for this purchase is Kyla Stoufer at kyla.stoufer@usda.gov. Please contact the specialist first.

Small Business Set Asides for NAICS code 311991 with a size standard of 500 employees or less are as follows:

(110149)- APPLE FOR FURTHER PROCESSING-BULK-100% Small Business Set Aside

This purchase must meet all relevant requirements such as packing, packaging, labeling, and inspection, requirements found in Commodity Specification for Bulk Products for Further Processing dated May, 2019.

Additional destination specific requirements:

For destination Stockton, CA - bulk wood bins are acceptable.

For destination Hartford, MI #

Varieties: Jonagold, Romes (non-law, non-bleeding), Ida Red, Golden Delicious, Gala, and Jonathon.

Sizing: minimum 2.5 inches, no more than 10% undersize for Golden Delicious, Gala and Jonathon.

80% between 2.5 inches and 3.5 inches for Jonagold#s, Romes, and Ida Reds.

Total defects: 8%

Packaging: standard (36# max height) industry bins in clean wood or plastic. Plastic bin liners cannot be used. Plywoods will not be accepted. Bins will be available for return pickup within 180 days of delivery to destination.

Fruit must be orchard run, no utilities will be accepted.

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh fruit crops to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) must ensure that each of their suppliers/subcontractors who grow, harvest, pack, hold, and handle product have approved and current food safety verification audits PRIOR to the bid opening date of this solicitation.

Brokers who do not hold or handle products are exempt from undergoing a food safety verification audit, however they are required to ensure all their suppliers/subcontractors meet these requirements.

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Acceptable USDA food safety audits include:

- # USDA Produce Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Harmonized Audit
- # USDA Harmonized GAP Plus+ Audit
- # USDA Good Agricultural Practices & Good Handling Practices Audit

Required scopes for USDA GAP/GHP are:

Farm Review; Field Harvesting & Field Packing Activities
 Storage & Transportation

OR

Farm Review; Field Harvesting & Field Packing Activities
 House Packing Facility; and 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 be found responsive the contractor and/or its subcontractors/suppliers must be in compliance with USDA GAP/GHP certification. Offerors must include in their bid the GAP and GHP Audit Verification Document, which is found in the attachments section of this solicitation. Offerors who do not complete this document in its entirety, do not include the document as an attachment to their bid, or are missing the required USDA GAP/GHP scopes shall be deemed nonresponsive.

All audits are valid for one year after the date the audit was conducted. More information on USDA GAP/GHP audits can be found here: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/gap-ghp> or by reaching out to scaudits@usda.gov

Awardees may ship and supply from any location found here as long as their USDA GAP/GHP audit remains current: <https://apps.ams.usda.gov/GAPGHP/reportG01.aspx>

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. A cure notice shall be issued informing the contractor of their failure to comply with the required elements of this solicitation. USDA will then deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries shipped or invoiced prior to the date listed on the cure notice.
2. If the contractor ships noncompliant product after the date of the cure notice:
 - a. USDA/AMS will deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries;
 - b. The contract will be terminated for cause; and

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c. The contractor will be suspended from participating in all future USDA/AMS fresh fruit and vegetable solicitations for a period of one year from the date of contract termination.

Purchases will be made on an f.o.b. destination basis to locations 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 October, 2019; the Commodity Specification for Bulk Products for Further Processing; 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 . MSCP-D
- 2 . Commodity Specifications for Bulk Apples for Further Processing
- 3 . USDA GAP and GHP Audit Verification Document

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

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.

- Permitted values:
- N/A
 - No
 - Yes

Bid invitation Item details

Item	Material Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
10	FRUIT, FRESH			

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
20 APPLES FOR FURTHER PROCESSING # BULK					
30 STOCKTON CA					
40	110149	APPLES FOR FURTHER PROCESSING # BULK	04/01/2020-04/15/2020	95215	LB 316,800.000
50	110149	APPLES FOR FURTHER PROCESSING # BULK	04/16/2020-04/30/2020	95215	LB 316,800.000
60 HARTFORD MI					
70	110149	APPLES FOR FURTHER PROCESSING # BULK	04/01/2020-04/15/2020	49057	LB 412,686.000
80	110149	APPLES FOR FURTHER PROCESSING # BULK	04/16/2020-04/30/2020	49057	LB 158,400.000
90	110149	APPLES FOR FURTHER PROCESSING # BULK	05/01/2020-05/15/2020	49057	LB 158,400.000
130 LUDINGTON MI					
140	110149	APPLES FOR FURTHER PROCESSING # BULK	04/01/2020-04/15/2020	49431	LB 39,600.000
150 SHELBY MI					
160	110149	APPLES FOR FURTHER PROCESSING # BULK	04/01/2020-04/15/2020	49455	LB 1,951,119.00 0
170	110149	APPLES FOR FURTHER PROCESSING # BULK	04/16/2020-04/30/2020	49455	LB 1,584,000.00 0
180	110149	APPLES FOR FURTHER PROCESSING # BULK	05/01/2020-05/15/2020	49455	LB 1,069,200.00 0
190	110149	APPLES FOR FURTHER PROCESSING # BULK	05/16/2020-05/31/2020	49455	LB 158,400.000
Total Quantity for APPLES FOR FURTHER PROCESSING # BULK					LB 6,165,405.00 0
Total Quantity for Invitation					LB 6,165,405.00 0



Kyla Stoufer
 Contracting Officer
 Commodity Procurement Division