

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

#### Information

Description: **12-3J14-20-B-0057**  
Bid invitation number: **2000006533**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 11/01/2019 12:50:00  
Offer Due Date : 11/22/2019 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 11/22/2019 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

CANNED FRUIT, SOLICITATION NO: 2000006533, Trade Mitigation Canned Apricots

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell canned apricots 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, December 11, 2019. Deliveries are to be made between February 1, 2020 and March 15, 2020.

The specialist for this solicitation is Blake Bergen (Blake.Bergen@usda.gov). The contracting officer for this solicitation is Kyla Stoufer (Kyla.Stoufer@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.

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 foreign retaliation. Funding for this purchase is under Section 5 of the CCC Charter Act.

Offerors who place a bid on this solicitation are agreeing to ALL terms and conditions outlined in the MSCP, specifications, and other attached documents. Late bids will NOT be accepted. Modifications of bids after bid opening date will NOT be accepted. Failure to adhere to contract terms and conditions may result in Termination for Cause.

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.

The requirements for check loading by USDA inspectors outlined in the attached Commodity Specifications are NOT applicable to contracts awarded under this solicitation. Note- Checkloading may still be performed by USDA Inspections Staff as outlined in the commodity specifications, at the expense of the contractor, however it is not required for contracts awarded under this solicitation.

Pack Year: USDA will accept product produced in calendar year 2019 and calendar year 2020 for deliveries made under resulting contracts.

Canned products will be accepted for up to 18 months from the date of inspection.

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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 October 2019, the Commodity Specification for Canned Fruit dated March 2019, 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 . AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements October 1 201
- 2 . CommoditySpecificationforCannedFruitMarch2019

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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, CANNED			

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
<b>20 APRICOT HALVES CAN-24/300</b>						
<b>30 FIFE WA</b>						
40	100210	APRICOT HALVES CAN-24/300	02/01/2020-02/15/2020	98424		CS
					1,620.000	
<b>50 LOT: 83717270 HILO HI / LIHUE HI / WA...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 83717270 HILO HI / LIHUE HI / WAILUKU HI /						
60	100210	APRICOT HALVES CAN-24/300	03/01/2020-03/15/2020	96720		CS
					903.000	
70	100210	APRICOT HALVES CAN-24/300	03/01/2020-03/15/2020	96766		CS
					217.000	
80	100210	APRICOT HALVES CAN-24/300	03/01/2020-03/15/2020	96793		CS
					500.000	
<b>Total Quantity for APRICOT HALVES CAN-24/300</b>						CS
					3,240.000	
<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>						CS
					3,240.000	



**Kyla Stoufer**  
 Contracting Officer  
 Commodity Procurement Division