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Room 3522-S, STOP 0239
Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: 12-3J14-20-B-0243
Bid invitation number: 2000006742
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

**SOLICITATION
Domestic Commodity Invitation**

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 01/29/2020 13:00:00
Offer Due Date : 02/10/2020 13:00:00

Opening date: 02/10/2020 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

CANNED VEGETABLES(CARROTS), SOLICITATION NO: 2000006742

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, February 24, 2020. Deliveries are to be made between April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

For April 1- April 15 deliveries, lenience will be offered for reasonable delays. All foreseeable delays should be communicated with the Contract Specialist in advance.

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

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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; Specification for Canned Vegetables dated January 2020; 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 . Master Solicitation-Oct 2019
- 2 . Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetables March 2019F 3-22-1

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

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- 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		VEGETABLE, CANNED				
	20	CARROTS CAN-6/10				
	30	BATON ROUGE LA				
	40	100309 CARROTS CAN-6/10	06/16/2020-06/30/2020	70806		CS
					1,824.000	
	50	OFFSHORE: BAYAMON PR				
	60	100309 CARROTS CAN-6/10	04/01/2020-04/15/2020	00956		CS
					912.000	
	70	100309 CARROTS CAN-6/10	06/01/2020-06/15/2020	00956		CS
					912.000	
	80	OFFSHORE: CAGUAS PR				

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90	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	06/01/2020-06/15/2020	00725	912.000	CS
100 OFFSHORE: PONCE PR						
110	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	04/01/2020-04/15/2020	00731	912.000	CS
120	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	05/01/2020-05/15/2020	00731	912.000	CS
130	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	06/01/2020-06/15/2020	00731	912.000	CS
140 LOT: 329548716 AUBURNDALE FL / PENSAC...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 329548716 AUBURNDALE FL / PENSACOLA FL /						
150	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	04/01/2020-04/15/2020	33823	684.000	CS
160	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	04/01/2020-04/15/2020	32503	228.000	CS
170 LOT: 592997830 ARECIBO PR / MAYAGUEZ ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 592997830 ARECIBO PR / MAYAGUEZ PR /						
180	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	05/01/2020-05/15/2020	00616	456.000	CS
190	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	05/01/2020-05/15/2020	00708	456.000	CS
200 LOT: 844628922 CAGUAS PR / CANOVANAS ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 844628922 CAGUAS PR / CANOVANAS PR /						
210	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	05/01/2020-05/15/2020	00725	456.000	CS
220	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	05/01/2020-05/15/2020	00629	456.000	CS
Total Quantity for CARROTS CAN-6/10					10,032.000	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					10,032.000	CS



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