

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

#### Information

Description: **12-3J14-20-B-0264**  
Bid invitation number: **2000006767**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

### **SOLICITATION** **Domestic Commodity Invitation**

#### **Bid invitation Overview**

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 02/12/2020 12:30:00  
Offer Due Date : 02/20/2020 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 02/20/2020 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### **Additional requested information:**

#### **Tendering text - Header :**

Fresh Fruit, SOLICITATION NO: 2000006767

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh apples 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 28, 2020. Deliveries are to be made between April 1, 2020 and May 27, 2020.

The Contract Specialist handling this purchase will be, Bonnie Meyer at [bonnie.meyer@usda.gov](mailto:bonnie.meyer@usda.gov). The Contract Officer handling this purchase will be Kyla Stoufer at [kyla.stoufer@usda.gov](mailto: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:

(100523)- APPLES BRAEBURN FRESH B CARTON-40 LB - 100% Small Business Set Aside  
(100521)- APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB- 100% Small Business Set Aside

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh fruit are required to undergo and pass the USDA AMS SCP Specialty Crop Inspection Division (SCID) Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices (GHP) verification audits, and must score at least 80% on each of the following scopes for each product being offered:

GAP - Farm Review AND Field Harvesting & Field Packing Activities  
GHP - House Packing Facility AND Storage & Transportation

All these requirements shall be met PRIOR to the bid opening date.

Brokers are exempt from the USDA GAP/GHP requirements themselves, HOWEVER 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 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 listed above 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](mailto:scaudits@usda.gov)

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Awardees may ship and supply from any location found here:  
<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. The 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
  - 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.

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 October 2019; The Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit; 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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information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.) To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), or (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).

**See attached documents:**

- 1 . CommoditySpecificationforFreshFruitJuly2019
- 2 . Master Solicitation dated October 2019
- 3 . USDA GAP and GHP Audit Verification Document

**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

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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	
<b>10</b>		<b>FRUIT, FRESH</b>				
<b>20</b>		<b>APPLES BRAEBURNN FRESH B CARTON-40 LB</b>				
<b>30</b>		<b>LOT: 42906604 CLEARWATER FL / PORT RI...</b>				
		<b>Tendering text - Item : LOT: 42906604 CLEARWATER FL / PORT RICHEY FL / TAMPA FL /</b>				
40	100523	APPLES BRAEBURNN FRESH B CARTON-40 LB	05/25/2020-05/27/2020	33756	224.000	CS
50	100523	APPLES BRAEBURNN FRESH B CARTON-40 LB	05/25/2020-05/27/2020	34688	141.000	CS
60	100523	APPLES BRAEBURNN FRESH B CARTON-40 LB	05/25/2020-05/27/2020	33605	559.000	CS
		<b>Total Quantity for APPLES BRAEBURNN FRESH B CARTON-40 LB</b>			<b>924.000</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>70</b>		<b>APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB</b>				
<b>80</b>		<b>OFFSHORE: BAYAMON PR</b>				
90	100521	APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB	04/15/2020-04/17/2020	00956	924.000	CS
<b>100</b>		<b>OFFSHORE: PONCE PR</b>				
110	100521	APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB	04/15/2020-04/17/2020	00731	924.000	CS
<b>120</b>		<b>STAFFORD TX</b>				
130	100521	APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB	04/01/2020-04/03/2020	77477	924.000	CS
		<b>Total Quantity for APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB</b>			<b>924.000</b>	<b>CS</b>

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<u>Item Material Description</u>	<u>Required by</u>	<u>ZipCode</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	
			2,772.000	
				CS
			3,696.000	
Total Quantity for Invitation				



**Kyla Stoufer**  
**Contracting Officer**  
**Commodity Procurement Division**