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Room 3522-S, STOP 0239  
Washington, DC 20036

#### Information

Description: 12-3J14-20-B-0315  
Bid invitation number: 2000006836  
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 03/31/2020 08:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 04/13/2020 10:00:00  
  
Opening date: 04/13/2020 10:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

(Frozen Vegetables), SOLICITATION NO: (2000006836)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Frozen Vegetables pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the Trade Mitigation and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, (April 14, 2020). Deliveries are to be made between (July 31, 2020-September 30, 2020).

The specialist for this solicitation is Claudius L Price (Claudius.l.price@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.

The Quantity Tolerance section of the specification document, "Contractor will be allowed a tolerance on the final delivery of plus or minus 50 cases of each product, from each shipping point named in the purchase order", is not applicable to this solicitation. USDA will not pay for any cases exceeding the contracted quantity.

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

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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 Frozen Vegetables dated March 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 . CommoditySpecificationforFrozenVegetablesMarch2020

**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

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**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
<b>10</b>	<b>VEGETABLE, FROZEN</b>			
<b>20</b>	<b>PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>			
<b>30</b>	<b>AUBURNDALE FL</b>			
40	110724 PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	09/01/2020-09/15/2020	33823	CS 1,320.000
<b>50</b>	<b>JACKSON MS</b>			
60	110724 PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	09/01/2020-09/15/2020	39209	CS 1,320.000
<b>70</b>	<b>LOT: 122801376 NEWARK NJ / VINELAND NJ /</b>			
80	110724 PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2020-08/15/2020	07114	CS 660.000
90	110724 PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2020-08/15/2020	08360	CS 660.000
<b>100</b>	<b>LOT: 185737730 BIRMINGHAM AL / CLANTO...</b>			

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<b>Tendering text - Item : LOT: 185737730 BIRMINGHAM AL / CLANTON AL /</b>						
110	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/16/2020-07/31/2020	35210	673.000	CS
120	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/16/2020-07/31/2020	35045	647.000	CS
<b>130 LOT: 343517435 TAUNTON MA / WORCESTER...</b>						
<b>Tendering text - Item : LOT: 343517435 TAUNTON MA / WORCESTER MA /</b>						
140	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	09/01/2020-09/15/2020	02780	660.000	CS
150	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	09/01/2020-09/15/2020	01610	660.000	CS
<b>160 LOT: 413847556 DIXON CA / SACRAMENTO ...</b>						
<b>Tendering text - Item : LOT: 413847556 DIXON CA / SACRAMENTO CA /</b>						
170	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/16/2020-07/31/2020	95620	660.000	CS
180	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/16/2020-07/31/2020	95814	660.000	CS
<b>190 LOT: 540946597 BIRMINGHAM AL / CLANTO...</b>						
<b>Tendering text - Item : LOT: 540946597 BIRMINGHAM AL / CLANTON AL /</b>						
200	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	09/16/2020-09/30/2020	35210	673.000	CS
210	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	09/16/2020-09/30/2020	35045	647.000	CS
<b>Total Quantity for PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>					<b>9,240.000</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>					<b>9,240.000</b>	<b>CS</b>



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