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## Information

Description: **12-3J14-20-B-0634**  
Bid invitation number: **2000007236**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION

### Master/Shortfall Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 08/14/2020 16:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 08/28/2020 13:00:00

Opening date: 08/28/2020 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Master

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) requests offers to sell Canned and Frozen Vegetable Products pursuant to the attached Invitation for Bids (IFB) solicitation document for use in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs.

Awards will be announced by Midnight, Friday, September 11, 2020. Deliveries are to be made between July 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021.

The specialist for this solicitation is Luma Kale, Luma.Kale@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.

All offerors should reference the Vegetable Invitation For Bids (IFB) IDIQ 2000007236 document attached to the solicitation for more information.

#### SET ASIDES:

100331 - POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN 24/300 # SB 50%

#### Checkloading:

The requirements for checkloading by USDA Inspectors outlined in the Commodity Specifications for Canned Vegetables are applicable and required for contracts awarded under this solicitation. Note-Checkloading is performed by USDA Inspections Staff as outlined in the commodity specifications, at the expense of the contractor.

The requirements for checkloading by USDA inspectors outlined in the Commodity Specifications for canned vegetables are NOT applicable to contracts awarded under this solicitation, for the following products ONLY:

100348 CORN FRZ CTN-30 LB  
100350 PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB

Pack Year: USDA will accept product produced in calendar year 2020 and calendar year 2021 for deliveries made under resulting contracts.

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

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.

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52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver.

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 proposals. 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.

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**See attached documents:**

- 1 . Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetables March, 2020
- 2 . Commodity Specification for Frozen Vegetables March, 2020
- 3 . Additional Plants and Shipping Points Template
- 4 . Exhibit 2-Estimates Based on Current Orders
- 5 . AMS Master Solicitation Dated August 13, 2020
- 6 . Vegetable Invitation for Bids (IFB) IDIQ 2000007236

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7 . Part B-Schedule July 2021- September 2021

**Attributes :**

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

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.

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?

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?

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 (Comment: N/A)
  - NO (Comment: No)
  - YES (Comment: Yes)

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).

Offeror certifies that the offer is made subject to the USDA Specification; 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 represents that IAW FAR 52.204-25, it will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract or other

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contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation.

Offeror represents that IAW 52.204-25, it does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services.

**Bid invitation Item details**

	<b>Item Material</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>VEGETABLE, CANNED</b>			
20	100311	CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300		CS
			298,350.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300</b>		CS
			298,350.000	
30	100314	PEAS CAN-24/300		CS
			191,160.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-24/300</b>		CS
			191,160.000	
40	100306	BEANS GREEN CAN-24/300		CS
			268,920.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN CAN-24/300</b>		CS
			268,920.000	
50	100310	CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300		CS
			22,680.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300</b>		CS
			22,680.000	
60	100320	VEG MIX CAN-24/300		CS
			181,440.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for VEG MIX CAN-24/300</b>		CS
			181,440.000	
70	100328	TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300		CS
			153,900.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300</b>		CS
			153,900.000	
80	100331	POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300		CS
			131,580.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300</b>		CS
			131,580.000	
90	100313	CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10		CS
			96,672.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10</b>		CS
			96,672.000	

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Item	Material	Description	Quantity	
100	100307	BEANS GREEN CAN-6/10		CS
			98,496.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN CAN-6/10</b>		CS
			98,496.000	
110	100315	PEAS CAN-6/10		CS
			12,768.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-6/10</b>		CS
			12,768.000	
120	100329	TOMATO DICED CAN-6/10		CS
			21,888.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for TOMATO DICED CAN-6/10</b>		CS
			21,888.000	
<b>130</b>		<b>VEGETABLE, FROZEN</b>		
140	100348	CORN FRZ CTN-30 LB		CS
			73,920.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>		CS
			73,920.000	
150	100352	CARROTS FRZ CTN-30 LB		CS
			31,680.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for CARROTS FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>		CS
			31,680.000	
160	111052	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2 LB		CS
			1,620.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2 LB</b>		CS
			1,620.000	
170	100351	BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB		CS
			26,400.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>		CS
			26,400.000	
180	111053	CORN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB		CS
			15,840.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB</b>		CS
			15,840.000	
190	100350	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB		CS
			22,440.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>		CS
			22,440.000	
200	111230	MIXED VEGETABLES FRZ CTN-6/5LB		CS

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Item	Material	Description	Quantity	
		<b>Total Quantity for MIXED VEGETABLES FRZ CTN-6/5LB</b>	17,160.000	CS
210	110763	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	17,160.000	CS
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB</b>	10,560.000	CS
220	111054	BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2 LB	10,560.000	CS
		<b>Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2 LB</b>	8,100.000	CS
		<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>	8,100.000	CS
			1,685,574.00	
			0	



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