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Washington, DC 20036

#### Information

Description: **12-3J14-21-B-0057**  
Bid invitation number: **2000007421**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Domestic**

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 11/06/2020 12:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 11/16/2020 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 11/16/2020 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

##### Tendering text - Header :

Crackers, SOLICITATION NO: 2000007421

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Crackers pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the National School Lunch Program and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs. This solicitation contains items for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). Acceptances will be announced by 5pm CT on November 18, 2020. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2021 to February 15, 2021.

This Acquisition is Unrestricted.

Any small business concern proposing to furnish a product that it did not itself manufacture must furnish the product of a small business and, by the offer due date/local time, submit the corresponding supplier agreement to, Attention: Contracting Officer. The supplier agreement shall: be in effect between the offeror and the product manufacturer for the period of contract performance, certify compliance with the applicable solicitation requirements, contain the DUNS number for the product manufacturer, be on the product manufacturer's company letterhead, and be signed by both parties.

A prospective contractor will be required to provide written evidence of a proposed subcontractor's responsibility including Plant Sanitation and Food Defense surveys. The Contracting Officer will directly determine a prospective subcontractor's responsibility, per FAR 9.104-4.

The Government will award contracts to eligible HUBZone bidders as provided in the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements, Part II, Section C: 4A52.219-2 The HUBZone Program. If the bidder elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its bid.

The CID references two different manufacturing processes for a similar type of cracker (soda vs saltine), USDA Commodity Procurement has the option to allow both with purchasing this product.

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.

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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 877-927-2648 for assistance.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated August 2020; the Commodity Specification for Crackers dated March 2020; or this Solicitation should be directed to the Contract Specialist: Raquel Clinton, Telephone 816-926-6395, Email: Raquel.Clinton@usda.gov or the Contracting Officer: Jeffrey F. Jackson, Telephone: 816-926-2530, Email: JeffreyF.Jackson@usda.gov; Beacon Facility-Mail Stop 8718, 2312 East Bannister Rd, Kanas City, MO 64131-3011.

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**Certification Questions :**

Please answer all Bid Certification Questions.

**See attached documents:**

- 1 . Commodity Requirements Crackers March 2020
- 2 . Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurement Aug 2020
- 3 . Bid Certification Questions

**Attributes :**

1. DUNS and Business Size Standard
2. SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM).
- 2a. System for Award Management (SAM)-changes to this solicitation
3. Amendment to Solicitation
4. All USDA contracts with the offeror that have a Not-Later-Than date prior to the solicitation opening:
  - Permitted values:
    - NO PREVIOUS CONTRACTS
    - HAVE NOT BEEN DELIVERED
    - HAVE BEEN DELIVERED
5. Brand name and pack size
6. Plant locations for all items has been verified pursuant to the Place of Performance-Sealed Bidding?
7. Supplier Agreements:
  - Permitted values:
    - N/A
    - NO
    - YES
- 7a. Supplier Agreement-Capability Requirements
8. Commodity Specifications
9. Offeror Contact Information
- 9a. Emergency Point of Contact
10. Telecommunications 1
- 10a. Telecommunications 2

**Bid invitation Item details**

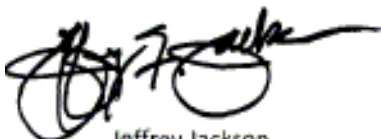
Item Material Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
<b>10 CRACKER PROD, PROC</b>					
<b>20 CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ</b>					
<b>30 KANSAS CITY MO</b>					
40	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	01/01/2021-01/15/2021	64161	22,680.000 LB
<b>50 LATHAM NY</b>					
60	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	01/16/2021-01/31/2021	12110	22,680.000 LB
<b>70 ROCHESTER NY</b>					
80	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	02/01/2021-02/15/2021	14615	22,680.000 LB
<b>90 OFFSHORE: CAGUAS PR</b>					
100	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	02/01/2021-02/15/2021	07250	22,680.000 LB
<b>110 SAN ANTONIO TX</b>					
120	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	01/01/2021-01/15/2021	78277	22,680.000 LB
<b>Total Quantity for CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ</b>					<b>113,400.000 LB</b>
<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>					<b>113,400.000 LB</b>



Jeffrey Jackson  
 Contracting Officer  
 United States Department of Agriculture