

**United States Department of Agriculture**  
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Room 3522-S, STOP 0239  
Washington, DC 20036

#### **Information**

Description: **12-3J14-21-B-0074**  
Bid invitation number: **2000007444**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## **SOLICITATION**

### **Master/Shortfall Invitation**

#### **Bid invitation Overview**

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 11/25/2020 16:15:00  
Offer Due Date : 12/10/2020 13:00:00

Opening date: 12/10/2020 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Master

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

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

The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) requests offers to sell Canned Vegetable Products pursuant to the attached Invitation for Bids (IFB) solicitation document for use in the Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs. Awards will be announced by Midnight, Friday, December 18, 2020. Deliveries are to be made between February 1, 2020 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 2000007444 document attached to the solicitation for more information.

##### **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.

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.

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.

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Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. 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 August 2020; Commodity Specifications for Canned 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 . Vegetable Invitation for Bids (IFB) IDIQ 2000007444
- 2 . Exhibit 2 - Estimate of current orders
- 3 . UPDATED\_PART B - Vegetables
- 4 . AMS Master Solicitation Dated August 13, 2020
- 5 . Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetables March, 2020

**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

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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 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.

#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 contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation.

**Bid invitation Item details**

Item	Material Description	Quantity
<b>10</b>	<b>VEGETABLE, CANNED</b>	
20	100311 CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300	CS

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Item	Material	Description	Quantity	
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300</b>	486,540.000	CS
			486,540.000	
30	100310	CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300	56,700.000	CS
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300</b>	56,700.000	CS
			56,700.000	
40	100314	PEAS CAN-24/300	124,740.000	CS
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-24/300</b>	124,740.000	CS
			124,740.000	
50	100320	VEG MIX CAN-24/300	487,620.000	CS
		<b>Total Quantity for VEG MIX CAN-24/300</b>	487,620.000	CS
			487,620.000	
60	100331	POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300	56,610.000	CS
		<b>Total Quantity for POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300</b>	56,610.000	CS
			56,610.000	
70	100306	BEANS GREEN CAN-24/300	207,360.000	CS
		<b>Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN CAN-24/300</b>	207,360.000	CS
			207,360.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>	1,419,570.000	CS
			0	



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