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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-21-B-0086**
Bid invitation number: **2000007462**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 12/04/2020 16:45:00
Offer Due Date : 12/10/2020 13:00:00

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

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Canned Sweet Potatoes, SOLICITATION NO: 2000007462

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Canned Vegetables 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, December 11, 2020. Deliveries are to be made between January 16, 2020 through January 31, 2020.

The specialist for this solicitation is Claudius 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 Cut Sweet Potatoes must meet all relevant requirements of the Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetables March 2020 with the following requirements and exceptions shown below:

Can Size: 24/#300

Style: Pieces/Cuts/Cut

Type of Pack: Regular Pack

Liquid Packing Medium: Light syrup - (Brix: 18 degrees to less than 25 degrees)

Drained Weight: Minimum 9.2 oz (261g)

Color: Good

Uniformity of Size: Reasonably uniform in size

Defects: Practically Free - (Total blemishes not more than 15% by count),,

Character: Good (Uniformly smooth, firm but yielding, and not mushy

Flavor: Good

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.

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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 August 2020; Specification for Canned Vegetables dated March 2020; Commodity Specifications for Bulk Products for Further Processing dated April 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 . CommoditySpecificationforCannedVegetablesMarch2020

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- 2 . Commodity Specification for Bulk Products for Further Processing April 20
- 3 . MSCP Aug 2020

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 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

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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.

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

	Item	Material Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10	VEGETABLE, CANNED					
20	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300					
30	NAMPA ID					
40	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/01/2021-01/15/2021	83687	3,060.000	CS
50	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/16/2021-01/31/2021	83687	1,530.000	CS
60	KANSAS CITY MO					
70	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/01/2021-01/15/2021	64161	3,060.000	CS
80	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/16/2021-01/31/2021	64161	1,530.000	CS
90	SYRACUSE NY					
100	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/01/2021-01/15/2021	13209	3,060.000	CS
110	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/16/2021-01/31/2021	13209	1,530.000	CS
		Total Quantity for SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300			13,770.000	CS
		Total Quantity for Invitation			13,770.000	CS



Contracting Officer
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