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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: 12-3J14-21-B-0123
Bid invitation number: 2000007511
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

SOLICITATION Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 01/14/2021 13:30:00
Offer Due Date : 01/28/2021 13:00:00

Opening date: 01/28/2021 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Frozen Fruit, SOLICITATION NO: 2000007511

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Frozen Fruit 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, February 11, 2021. Deliveries are to be made between April 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021.

The Specialist for this solicitation is Suzette Offer (suzette.offer@usda.gov) and the Contracting Officer is Kyla Stoufer (kyla.stoufer@usda.gov). any questions or concern regarding this solicitation should be addressed to the specialist first.

** For a new-to-USDA contractor and existing contractors who are bidding on new products, a probationary period will be implemented in which awards are limited to 10 truckloads per product. Contractor must demonstrate successful delivery of at least five (5) truckloads of product in order to be removed from probationary status on future solicitations. For the purposes of this rule, successful delivery is defined as product delivered on-time and in acceptable condition according to the terms and conditions of the contract. Any delivery problems directly attributable to the Government will not be held against the contractor.**

As a result of the Checkloading Phase Out Program, the requirements for check loading Frozen Fruit by USDA inspectors outlined in the attached Commodity Specifications are#No Longer#applicable. Note-Checkloading may still be performed on all, or part of the deliveries at the request and expense of the contractor; however, it is not required for Frozen Fruit awarded under this solicitation.##Also, SCI will conduct periodic verifications of the vendors commercial practices to ensure they meet the contractual requirements.

Set Aside:

100242-Blueberry Wild FRZ CTN 8/3LB SB 100%

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

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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, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Fruit 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 . CommoditySpecificationfor FrozenFruitApril2020
- 2 . AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements August 2020

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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 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
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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10 FRUIT, FROZEN						
20 BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB						
30 GENEVA IL						
40	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	05/01/2021-05/15/2021	60134		CS
					1,320.000	
50 KANSAS CITY MO						
60	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	64161		CS
					1,320.000	
70	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	05/01/2021-05/15/2021	64161		CS
					1,320.000	
		Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB				CS
					3,960.000	
80 BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB						
90 LOT: 562591173 AUBURNDALE FL / BOCA R..						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 562591173 AUBURNDALE FL / BOCA RATON FL / PENSACOLA FL /						
100	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	33823		CS
					360.000	
110	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	33487		CS
					720.000	
120	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	32503		CS
					360.000	
		Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB				CS
					1,440.000	
		Total Quantity for Invitation				CS
					5,400.000	



Kyla Stoufer
 Contracting Officer
 Commodity Procurement Division