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Information

Description: 12-3J14-21-B-0175
Bid invitation number: 2000007572
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

**SOLICITATION
Domestic Commodity Invitation**

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 02/12/2021 10:00:00
Offer Due Date : 02/24/2021 13:00:00

Opening date: 02/24/2021 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Dried Fruit and Dried Fruit and Nut Mix Products, SOLICITATION NO:2000007572.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Dried 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, March 5, 2021. Deliveries are to be made between April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

The specialist for this solicitation is Shelia Tucker [Shelia.Tucker@usda.gov]. The contracting officer for this solicitation is Kyla Stoufer (Kyla.Stoufer@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.

** As a result of the Checkloading Phase Out Program, the requirements for check loading Dried Fruit by USDA inspectors outlined in the attached Commodity Specifications are No Longer applicable.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 Dried Fruit awarded under this solicitation. Also, SCI will conduct periodic verifications of the vendors commercial practices to ensure they meet the contractual requirements.

Offerors should take into account their processing capacity due to COVID regulation constraints when bidding to ensure they are able to meet the delivery deadlines.

Set asides include:

100290 PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1LB	100% Small Business
100293 RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	25% Small Business
100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	25% Small Business
100297 FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1LB	100% Small Business
110723 CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	100% Small Business

** For a new-to-USDA contractor and existing contractors who are bidding on new products, a probationary period may 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.**

Per FDA regulations, the following minimum mandatory labeling requirements for all foods, whether sold or donated, must appear on the label: Name of the food, Manufacturer's name and location, Net weight of the product, Ingredients list, and Allergen declaration. These requirements are codified in 21

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CFR 101.2, 101.3, 101.4 and 101.5. See the following link for a guidance manual:
<http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/LabelingNutrition/ucm064894.htm>

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 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 May 2020; the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated April 2020; the Commodity Specification for Shelled Nuts 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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Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).

See attached documents:

- 1 . Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit January 2021
- 2 . Master Solicitation August 13, 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?

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#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	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10 FRUIT, DRIED						
20 CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ						
30 CONCORDIA KS						
40	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	05/01/2021-05/15/2021	66901	1,500.000	CS
50 KANSAS CITY MO						
60	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	64129	1,500.000	CS
70 LOT: 300327588 CONCORDIA KS / WICHITA...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 300327588 CONCORDIA KS / WICHITA KS /						
80	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	04/16/2021-04/30/2021	66901	500.000	CS
90	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	04/16/2021-04/30/2021	67211	1,000.000	CS
Total Quantity for CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ					4,500.000	CS
100 FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB						
110 ORLANDO FL						
120	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	32805	1,456.000	CS
130	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/16/2021-05/31/2021	32805	1,456.000	CS
140 AUGUSTA GA						
150	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	06/01/2021-06/15/2021	30909	1,456.000	CS
160 CONCORDIA KS						
170	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	66901	1,456.000	CS
180 COMSTOCK PARK MI						
190	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/01/2021-05/15/2021	49321		CS

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					1,456.000	
200		SYRACUSE NY				
210	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/16/2021-04/30/2021	13209		CS
					1,456.000	
220	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	06/16/2021-06/30/2021	13209		CS
					1,456.000	
230		LOT: 5649797 LINCOLN NE / OMAHA NE /				
240	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	68504		CS
					364.000	
250	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	68127		CS
					1,092.000	
260		LOT: 10082243 EVANSVILLE IN / LEXINGT...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 10082243 EVANSVILLE IN / LEXINGTON KY / MAYFIELD KY /				
270	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	47711		CS
					200.000	
280	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	40511		CS
					1,056.000	
290	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	42066		CS
					200.000	
300		LOT: 22940940 ELIZABETHTOWN KY / LOUI...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 22940940 ELIZABETHTOWN KY / LOUISVILLE KY / WILDER KY /				
310	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	42701		CS
					603.000	
320	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	40228		CS
					603.000	
330	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	41076		CS
					250.000	
340		LOT: 994187431 FORT MYERS FL / SARASO...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 994187431 FORT MYERS FL / SARASOTA FL / TAMPA FL /				
350	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/16/2021-04/30/2021	33901		CS
					728.000	
360	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/16/2021-04/30/2021	34240		CS
					364.000	
370	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/16/2021-04/30/2021	33605		CS

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				364.000	
1100 KANSAS CITY MO					
1110	100297 FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	64161		CS
				1,456.000	
Total Quantity for FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB					
				17,472.000	CS
380 PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1 LB					
390 LAS VEGAS NV					
400	100290 PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	89030		CS
				1,500.000	
410 OFFSHORE: CAGUAS PR					
420	100290 PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	07250		CS
				1,500.000	
430	100290 PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/16/2021-05/31/2021	07250		CS
				1,500.000	
Total Quantity for PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1 LB					
				4,500.000	CS
440 RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ					
450 MILTON FL					
460	100293 RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	04/16/2021-04/30/2021	32583		CS
				2,964.000	
470 EAST POINT GA					
480	100293 RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	05/01/2021-05/15/2021	30344		CS
				2,964.000	
490 MIDLAND GA					
500	100293 RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	31820		CS
				2,964.000	
510 AUGUSTA ME					
520	100293 RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/01/2021-06/15/2021	04333		CS
				2,964.000	
530 CREEDMOOR NC					
540	100293 RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/01/2021-06/15/2021	27522		CS
				2,964.000	
550	100293 RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/16/2021-06/30/2021	27522		CS
				2,964.000	
560 SALISBURY NC					

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570	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/01/2021-06/15/2021	28147		CS
					2,964.000	
580	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/16/2021-06/30/2021	28147		CS
					2,964.000	
590 LAS VEGAS NV						
600	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	05/01/2021-05/15/2021	89030		CS
					2,964.000	
610	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/16/2021-06/30/2021	89030		CS
					2,964.000	
620 ELMSFORD NY						
630	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/16/2021-06/30/2021	10523		CS
					2,964.000	
640 FORT WORTH TX						
650	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	04/16/2021-04/30/2021	76107		CS
					2,964.000	
660 SAN ANTONIO TX						
670	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	04/16/2021-04/30/2021	78277		CS
					5,928.000	
680 RICHMOND VA						
690	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	05/16/2021-05/31/2021	23220		CS
					2,964.000	
700 LOT: 74335 FORT MYERS FL / SARASOTA F...						
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 74335 FORT MYERS FL / SARASOTA FL / TAMPA FL /				
710	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/16/2021-06/30/2021	33901		CS
					1,484.000	
720	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/16/2021-06/30/2021	34240		CS
					740.000	
730	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/16/2021-06/30/2021	33605		CS
					740.000	
740 LOT: 171496388 LIMA OH / LOGAN OH / S...						
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 171496388 LIMA OH / LOGAN OH / SPRINGFIELD OH /				
750	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/01/2021-06/15/2021	45804		CS
					1,040.000	
760	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/01/2021-06/15/2021	43138		CS
					1,000.000	
770	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/01/2021-06/15/2021	45503		CS

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					924.000	
780		LOT: 279706667 DAYTON OH / FAIRFIELD ...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 279706667 DAYTON OH / FAIRFIELD OH /				
790	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/16/2021-06/30/2021	45417		CS
					1,500.000	
800	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/16/2021-06/30/2021	45014		CS
					1,464.000	
810		LOT: 324766334 ELIZABETHTOWN KY / LOU...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 324766334 ELIZABETHTOWN KY / LOUISVILLE KY /				
		WILDER KY /				
820	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/01/2021-06/15/2021	42701		CS
					1,232.000	
830	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/01/2021-06/15/2021	40228		CS
					1,232.000	
840	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/01/2021-06/15/2021	41076		CS
					500.000	
850		LOT: 635084707 EVANSVILLE IN / LEXING...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 635084707 EVANSVILLE IN / LEXINGTON KY /				
		MAYFIELD KY /				
860	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/01/2021-06/15/2021	47711		CS
					400.000	
870	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/01/2021-06/15/2021	40511		CS
					2,164.000	
880	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/01/2021-06/15/2021	42066		CS
					400.000	
		Total Quantity for RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ				CS
					59,280.000	
890		RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ				
900		CHICAGO IL				
910	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	60651		CS
					1,728.000	
920		BRIDGETON MO				
930	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	05/01/2021-05/15/2021	63044		CS
					1,728.000	
940		BRENTWOOD NY				
950	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	05/01/2021-05/15/2021	11717		CS
					1,728.000	

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960 SYRACUSE NY						
970	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	05/01/2021-05/15/2021	13209		CS
					1,728.000	
1120	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	13209		CS
					1,728.000	
1130	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	05/01/2021-05/15/2021	13209		CS
					1,728.000	
1140	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	06/01/2021-06/15/2021	13209		CS
					1,728.000	
980 FORT WORTH TX						
990	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	06/01/2021-06/15/2021	76107		CS
					1,728.000	
1000 HOUSTON TX						
1010	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	77029		CS
					1,728.000	
1020	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	05/16/2021-05/31/2021	77029		CS
					1,728.000	
1030 LOT: 638308393 CLARE MI / DETROIT MI ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 638308393 CLARE MI / DETROIT MI / GRAND RAPIDS MI /						
1040	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	48617		CS
					350.000	
1050	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	48238		CS
					878.000	
1060	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	49503		CS
					500.000	
1070 LOT: 794624724 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TUL...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 794624724 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TULSA OK /						
1080	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	73179		CS
					1,037.000	
1090	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	04/01/2021-04/15/2021	74106		CS
					691.000	
Total Quantity for RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ						CS
					20,736.000	
Total Quantity for Invitation						CS
					106,488.000	



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