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#### Information

Description: 12-3J14-21-B-0307
Bid invitation number: 2000007734
Purchasing Group: AMS Poultry

#### **SOLICITATION**

**Domestic Commodity Invitation** 

#### **Bid invitation Overview**

Bid Timezone: Central Time

Start Date: 04/21/2021 15:30:00 Offer Due Date : 05/06/2021 13:00:00

Opening date: 05/06/2021 13:00:00

Invitation Type: Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

### Tendering text - Header :

CHICKEN FILLETS and STRIPS, SOLICITATION NO: 2000007734

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Chicken Strips 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, May 18, 2021. Deliveries are to be made between July 1, 2021 and July 31, 2021.

This Solicitation includes the following changes to the FPPS for Chicken Strips dated March 2017 and the FPPS for Grilled Chicken Fillet dated September 2019:

Inspection and Checkloading

Requirements # For inspection and checkloading at time of shipping, the Contractor shall utilize either USDA Grader or Contractor Checkloading to certify. The Contractor shall notify USDA AMS QAD staff prior to production. The requirements for selection are as follows:

USDA Grader Checkloading Requirements # Inspection for contract compliance shall be made by a USDA representative, in accordance with 7 CFR § 70, FSIS regulations, and this FPPS, at site of processing, both during and after processing and packaging. Inspection records shall be complete and made available to USDA, as requested, to assure contract compliance.

Procedures # The inspection and checkloading shall be performed by the AMS Grader. Procedures to be followed and a schedule of fees for these services may be obtained by contacting the nearest QAD field office or the Director of QAD, LP Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, Room 3953-S, STOP 0258, Washington, DC 20250-0258, telephone (202) 690-3147.

The quality, quantity, weight, packaging, packing, and checkloading of the commodity shall be evidenced by certificates issued by the AMS Grader. The contractor shall not ship the commodity unless informed by the AMS Grader that the designated commodity to be shipped meets the requirements of the AMS MSCP-D, Solicitation, and this FPPS.

Contractor Checkloading Requirements # Inspection for final contract compliance shall be made by the Contractor, in accordance with 7 CFR § 70, FSIS regulations, and this FPPS. The quality, quantity, weight, packaging and packing of the commodity shall be evidenced by a Certificate of Conformance that verifies the designated commodity to be shipped meets all the requirements as stated in this FPPS, MSCP-D and Solicitation.

Procedures # The contractor shall perform checkloading examinations at the time of shipment # as described in this FPPS starting at the section labeled Loading and Shipping Frozen Commodity and sections thereafter # and shall issue a corresponding Certificate of Conformance. The Contractor is required to provide an acceptance document to accompany each shipment. Additional details are found

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in the AMS MSCP-D, Section 4A52.247-3 for Bill of Lading Notations.

Contractors inspection records and checkloading documentation shall be complete and maintained, including the Certificate of Conformance, and made available to USDA, as requested, to assure Contractor Checkloading compliance. Contractor checkloading activity is subject to review by USDA at the cost of the contactor.

Each shipping container shall be identified with a USDA Contract Compliance stamp with the applicable production date. An AMS Grader, or other authorized personnel under the supervision of the AMS Grader, shall stamp one end of each shipping container online. If there is inadequate space available on either end of the shipping container, the stamp may be applied to a side of the container.

A copy of the Contractor#s Certificate of Conformance and Bill of Lading or the original USDA Poultry Products Grading Certificate issued at time of checkloading shall accompany each shipment.

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.

In order to submit offers on this Solicitation, offerors must be deemed eligible by the Contracting Officer. Product purchased under this Solicitation will be produced according to the Federal Purchase Program Specification (FPPS) for Chicken Strips dated March 2017; Supplement 801 dated March 2017; and eligible supplier's approved technical proposal. Please review the changes in Supplement 801 for Chicken Strips dated March 2017 and update your technical proposals to Food Safety and Commodity Specification (FSCS) Division if necessary.

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

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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 April 2017; Federal Purchase Program Specification (FPPS) for Chicken Strips dated March 2017; Supplement 801 dated March 2017; 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 . Supplement 801 March 2017 Cooked Chicken Strips
- 2 . MSCP August 2020
- 3 . FPPS Chicken Fillet September 2019

### 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

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(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

Bid invitation Item details							
Item Material Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	_			
10 CHICKEN, COOKED							
20 CHICKEN FILLETS UNBRD FRZ CTN-30 LB							
30 SACRAMENTO CA							
40 110921 CHICKEN FILLETS UNBRD FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/01/2021-07/15/2021	95814		LB			
			39,000.000				
50 LOT: 63284633 BAYAMON PR / PONCE PR	/						
60 110921 CHICKEN FILLETS UNBRD FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/01/2021-07/15/2021	00956		LB			
			18,930.000				
70 110921 CHICKEN FILLETS UNBRD FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/01/2021-07/15/2021	00731		LB			
			20,070.000				
80 LOT: 529853408 EAU CLAIRE WI / MADISC	)						
Tendering text - Item: LOT: 529853408 EAU CLAIRE WI / MADISON WI /							
90 110921 CHICKEN FILLETS UNBRD FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/16/2021-07/31/2021	54703		LB			

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Item Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	_	
100 110921	CHICKEN FILLETS UNBRD FRZ CTN-30 LB  Total Quantity for CHICKEN FILLETS		53716 LB	19,620.000	LB LB	
110 CHICKEN S	STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB			117,000.000		
120 BAKERS						
	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/01/2021-07/15/2021	93301		LB	
140 DIXON	CA			39,000.000		
150 110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/16/2021-07/31/2021	95620		LB	
				39,000.000		
160 LOT: 92	2033590 ALGONA WA / SPOKANE					
	Tendering text - Item: LOT: 92033			VALLEY WA		
170 110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/01/2021-07/15/2021	98001	19,500.000	LB	
180 110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/01/2021-07/15/2021	99206	19,300.000	LB	
		.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	55255	19,500.000		
190 LOT: 19	98971012 BAYAMON PR / PONCE F	PR/				
200 110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/01/2021-07/15/2021	00956	19,500.000	LB	
210 110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/01/2021-07/15/2021	00731		LB	
				19,500.000		
	11507549 SACRAMENTO CA					
230 110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/01/2021-07/15/2021	95814	18,570.000	LB	
240 110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/01/2021-07/15/2021	95814	10,370.000	LB	
2.02		.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		20,430.000		
250 LOT: 37	250 LOT: 374163476 BAYAMON PR / PONCE PR /					
260 110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/01/2021-07/15/2021	00956		LB	
				18,990.000		
270 110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/01/2021-07/15/2021	00731	20,010.000	LB	
280 LOT: 540887967 NAMPA ID / OGDEN UT /						
	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/01/2021-07/15/2021	83687		LB	
				16,110.000		
300 110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	07/01/2021-07/15/2021	84401		LB	

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 Item Material Description			Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	_	
310	LOT: 56	55779736 SAN A	NTONIO TX			22,890.000	
320	110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FR	Z CTN-30 LB	07/01/2021-07/15/2021	78249		LB
						19,500.000	
330	110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FR	Z CTN-30 LB	07/01/2021-07/15/2021	78250		LB
						19,500.000	
		Total Quantity for	or CHICKEN STRIPS	FRZ CTN-30 LB			LB
						312,000.000	
		Total Quantity for	or Invitation				LB
						429,000.000	

Jeffrey Jackson Contracting Officer

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