

**United States Department of Agriculture**  
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Washington, DC 20036

## Information

Description: **12-3J14-21-B-0359**  
Bid invitation number: **2000007796**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION Master/Shortfall Invitation

### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 05/17/2021 19:40:00  
Offer Due Date : 05/31/2021 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 05/31/2021 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Master

### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) requests offers to sell Canned and Frozen Vegetable Products pursuant to the attached Invitation for Bids (IFB) solicitation document for use in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs.

Awards will be announced by Midnight, Monday, June 14, 2021. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2022, and June 30, 2022.

All offerors should reference the Canned and Frozen Vegetable Invitation For Bids (IFB) IDIQ 2000007796 document attached to the solicitation for more information.

SET ASIDES: 100331 - POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN 24/300 # SB 50%

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for check loading Canned and Frozen Vegetables by USDA inspectors outlined in the Commodity Specifications are No Longer applicable.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

Pack Year: USDA will accept product produced in calendar year 2021 or calendar year 2022 for deliveries made under resulting contracts.

Canned products will be accepted for up to 18 months from date of inspection.

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.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver on

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time. 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.

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**See attached documents:**

- 1 . Commodity Specification\_Canned Vegetables\_April 2021
- 2 . Commodity Specification\_Frozen Vegetables March 2020
- 3 . Master Solicitation Commodity Procurement\_Aug 2020
- 4 . Exhibit 2\_Estimates Based on Current Orders
- 5 . Part B Schedule\_January 2022 - June 2022
- 6 . Vegetable Invitation for Bid\_2000007796

**Attributes :**

**EMERGENCY CONTACT**

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

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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 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.

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

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

**Bid invitation Item details**

	<b>Item Material Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>VEGETABLE, CANNED</b>	
20	100320 VEG MIX CAN-24/300	CS
		390,420.000
	<b>Total Quantity for VEG MIX CAN-24/300</b>	CS
		390,420.000
30	100328 TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300	CS
		277,020.000
	<b>Total Quantity for TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300</b>	CS
		277,020.000
40	100314 PEAS CAN-24/300	CS
		302,940.000
	<b>Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-24/300</b>	CS
		302,940.000
50	100311 CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300	CS
		537,210.000
	<b>Total Quantity for CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300</b>	CS

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Item	Material	Description	Quantity	
			537,210.000	
60	100331	POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300		CS
			263,160.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300</b>		CS
			263,160.000	
70	100306	BEANS GREEN CAN-24/300		CS
			600,120.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN CAN-24/300</b>		CS
			600,120.000	
80	100310	CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300		CS
			72,900.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300</b>		CS
			72,900.000	
<b>90</b>		<b>VEGETABLE, FROZEN</b>		
	100	111053 CORN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB		CS
			25,080.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB</b>		CS
			25,080.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>		CS
			2,468,850.00	
			0	



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