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Washington, DC 20036

#### Information

Description: 12-3J14-21-B-0420  
Bid invitation number: 2000007885  
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

### SOLICITATION Master/Shortfall Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 07/01/2021 11:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 07/12/2021 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 07/12/2021 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Shortfall  
Reference Invitation : 2000007793

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

CANNED VEGETABLES, SOLICITATION NO: 2000007885

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PLEASE DISREGARD THE DISPLAYED 05/16/2022 - 05/31/2022 REQUIRED BY DELIVERY PERIOD SHOWN UNDER BID INVITATION ITEM DETAILS. ACTUAL REQUIRED BY DELIVERY DATES RANGE FROM 01/01/2022-6/30/2022.

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, Friday, July 16, 2021. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2022, and June 30, 2022..

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for check loading Canned and Frozen Vegetables by USDA inspectors outlined in the Commodity Specifications are No Longer applicable.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 2020 or calendar year 2021 for deliveries made under resulting contracts.

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

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 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.

This Solicitation may show multiple stops on some line items; how ever, the number of stops will be

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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.

There is a probationary period for new-to-AMS contractors and existing contractors bidding on new products in which awards are limited to 10 truckloads per product. Contractor must demonstrate successful delivery of at least five (5) truckloads of [new] 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.

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 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; Commodity Specifications for Canned Vegetables dated March 2020; Commodity Specifications for Frozen Vegetables dated March 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:**

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- 1 . MSCP-D, August 2020
- 2 . Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetables April 2021
- 3 . Additional Plants and Shipping Points Template

**Attributes :**

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 (Comment: N/A)
  - NO (Comment: No)
  - YES (Comment: Yes)

#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.

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 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:

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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**

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
<b>10</b>		<b>VEGETABLE, CANNED</b>			
	20	100308 CARROTS CAN-24/300	05/16/2022-05/31/2022		CS 199,260.000
		<b>Total Quantity for CARROTS CAN-24/300</b>			CS 199,260.000
		<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>			CS 199,260.000



**Contracting Officer**  
**Commodity Procurement Division**  
**United States Department of Agriculture**