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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: 12-3J14-21-B-0532
Bid invitation number: 2000008039
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 08/26/2021 09:40:00
Offer Due Date : 09/02/2021 13:00:00

Opening date: 09/02/2021 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Dried Fruit # Section 32 Dried Cranberries and Dried Sweet Cherries Products, SOLICITATION NO: 2000008039.

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, September 15, 2021. Deliveries are to be made between November 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

The specialist for this solicitation is Shelia Tucker, Shelia.Tucker@usda.gov. The contracting officer for this solicitation is LaShawne Brown, LaShawne.Brown@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.

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.

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the requirements for check loading Dried Fruit by USDA inspectors outlined in the attached Commodity Specifications are No Longer applicable.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.

Set asides include:

110723 - CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ - 50% Small Business

Crop years 2020 and 2021 will be acceptable for this solicitation.

** 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. **

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 August 2020; the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated January 2021; the Commodity Specification for SECTION 32 Specification for DRIED SWEET CHERRIES - FEB 2021; 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 . MSCP-D_August 2020
- 2 . CommoditySpecificationforDriedFruitJanuary2021
- 3 . SECTION 32 Specification for DRIED SWEET CHERRIES - FEB 2021

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

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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

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		CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB				
30		OXNARD CA				
40	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	12/16/2021-12/31/2021	93030	1,728.000	CS
50		WOODLAND CA				
60	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	12/16/2021-12/31/2021	95776	1,728.000	CS
70		HOMESTEAD FL				
80	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	33033	1,728.000	CS
90		EAST POINT GA				
100	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	12/16/2021-12/31/2021	30344	1,728.000	CS
110		GENEVA IL				
120	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	12/16/2021-12/31/2021	60134	1,728.000	CS
130		VINELAND NJ				
140	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	08360	1,728.000	CS
150		ELMIRA NY				
160	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	12/01/2021-12/15/2021	14903	1,728.000	CS
170		HOUSTON TX				

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180	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	12/01/2021-12/15/2021	77029		CS
					1,728.000	
190 LOT: 124533204 MCCONNELLSBURG PA / NA...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 124533204 MCCONNELLSBURG PA / NAZARETH PA / PHILADELPHIA PA /						
200	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	12/01/2021-12/15/2021	17233		CS
					432.000	
210	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	12/01/2021-12/15/2021	18064		CS
					432.000	
220	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	12/01/2021-12/15/2021	19129		CS
					864.000	
230 LOT: 296312594 CLEVELAND OH / GROVE C...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 296312594 CLEVELAND OH / GROVE CITY OH / LOGAN OH /						
240	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	12/01/2021-12/15/2021	44110		CS
					432.000	
250	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	12/01/2021-12/15/2021	43123		CS
					605.000	
260	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	12/01/2021-12/15/2021	43138		CS
					691.000	
270 LOT: 600577669 HELENA MT / EVANSVILLE..						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 600577669 HELENA MT / EVANSVILLE WY /						
280	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	12/16/2021-12/31/2021	59620		CS
					864.000	
290	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	12/16/2021-12/31/2021	82636		CS
					864.000	
300 LOT: 932318583 FORT SMITH AR / MOUNTA...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 932318583 FORT SMITH AR / MOUNTAIN HOME AR / VAN BUREN AR /						
310	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/16/2021-11/30/2021	72901		CS
					524.000	
320	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/16/2021-11/30/2021	72653		CS
					280.000	
330	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/16/2021-11/30/2021	72956		CS
					924.000	
340 LOT: 4545454545 CREEDMOOR NC / SALISB..						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 4545454545 CREEDMOOR NC / SALISBURY NC /						
350	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	27522		CS

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					864.000	
360	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	28147		CS
					864.000	
		Total Quantity for CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB				CS
					22,464.000	
370 CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ						
380 COMMERCE CA						
390	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	90040		CS
					1,152.000	
400 CONCORD NH						
410	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	11/16/2021-11/30/2021	03301		CS
					1,152.000	
420 BRONX NY						
430	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	10474		CS
					1,152.000	
440 HAUPPAUGE NY						
450	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	11788		CS
					1,152.000	
460 HOUSTON TX						
470	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	12/01/2021-12/15/2021	77029		CS
					1,152.000	
480 HAMPTON VA						
490	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	11/16/2021-11/30/2021	23661		CS
					1,152.000	
500 KENT WA						
510	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	98032		CS
					1,152.000	
520	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	12/01/2021-12/15/2021	98032		CS
					1,152.000	
530 LOT: 97603992 BRIDGETON MO / COLUMBIA...						
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 97603992 BRIDGETON MO / COLUMBIA MO / KANSAS CITY MO /				
540	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	12/16/2021-12/31/2021	63044		CS
					520.000	
550	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	12/16/2021-12/31/2021	65202		CS
					344.000	
560	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	12/16/2021-12/31/2021	64129		CS

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					288.000	
570 LOT: 99583769 DUQUESNE PA / ERIE PA /...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 99583769 DUQUESNE PA / ERIE PA / SHARON PA /						
580	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	15110		CS
					576.000	
590	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	16501		CS
					288.000	
600	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	16146		CS
					288.000	
610 LOT: 716346321 CHICAGO IL / EAST PEOR..						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 716346321 CHICAGO IL / EAST PEORIA IL /						
620	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	12/16/2021-12/31/2021	60632		CS
					902.000	
630	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	12/16/2021-12/31/2021	61611		CS
					250.000	
640 LOT: 787415884 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORL...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 787415884 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /						
650	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	70505		CS
					576.000	
660	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	70123		CS
					576.000	
670 LOT: 905562329 KANSAS CITY MO / LINCO...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 905562329 KANSAS CITY MO / LINCOLN NE /						
OMAHA NE /						
680	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	64129		CS
					576.000	
690	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	68504		CS
					288.000	
700	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	68127		CS
					288.000	
710 LOT: 908149061 EAU CLAIRE WI / MADISO...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 908149061 EAU CLAIRE WI / MADISON WI / WEST						
MILWAUKEE WI /						
720	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	11/16/2021-11/30/2021	54703		CS
					443.000	
730	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	11/16/2021-11/30/2021	53716		CS
					443.000	

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740	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	11/16/2021-11/30/2021	53219		CS
					266.000	
		Total Quantity for CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ				CS
					16,128.000	
750 CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ						
760 LOT: 419910074 FORT WORTH TX / PLANO ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 419910074 FORT WORTH TX / PLANO TX /						
770	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	12/01/2021-12/15/2021	76107		CS
					375.000	
780	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	12/01/2021-12/15/2021	75075		CS
					1,125.000	
790 LOT: 862616420 HOUSTON TX / PHARR TX ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 862616420 HOUSTON TX / PHARR TX / SAN ANTONIO TX /						
800	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	12/01/2021-12/15/2021	77029		CS
					750.000	
810	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	12/01/2021-12/15/2021	78577		CS
					375.000	
820	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	12/01/2021-12/15/2021	78227		CS
					375.000	
		Total Quantity for CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ				CS
					3,000.000	
		Total Quantity for Invitation				CS
					41,592.000	



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