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Washington, DC 20036

## Information

Description: **12-3J14-21-B-0553**  
Bid invitation number: **2000008060**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION

### Master/Shortfall Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 09/02/2021 15:30:00  
Offer Due Date : 09/09/2021 13:00:00

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

Invitation Type : Shortfall  
Reference Invitation : 2000007950

#### Additional requested information:

#### Amendment Text :

Amendment 1: This amendment is issued to include the following Required Solicitation Question for vendor response:

The offeror has reviewed the List of Required Products for GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN) Reporting located at the following URL:[https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/GS1\\_GDSN\\_ListofRequiredProducts.xlsx](https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/GS1_GDSN_ListofRequiredProducts.xlsx). If the awarded contract includes item(s) from the List of Required Products for GS1 GDSN Reporting, offeror certifies that complete and accurate product information will be submitted to GS1 GDSN no later than December 31, 2021. Offeror certifies that the information submitted in GS1 GDSN will be kept up-to-date (to reflect changes in product attributes, such as changes to the ingredient or allergen statement) until the end of the contract period.

-Yes

-No

#### Tendering text - Header :

The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) requests offers to sell Canned 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, Thursday, September 16, 2021. Deliveries are to be made between July 1, 2022, and September 30, 2022.

All offerors should reference the Vegetable Invitation For Bids (IFB) IDIQ 2000008060 document attached to the solicitation for more information.

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for check loading Canned and Frozen Vegetables by USDA inspectors outlined in the Commodity Specifications are No Longer applicable.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.

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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 may be 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.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver on 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 . MSCP-D\_September 2021
- 3 . Part B Schedule: July-Sept 2022
- 4 . Vegetable Invitation for Bids IDIQ 2000008060

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- 5 . Exhibit 2: Estimates Based On Current Orders
- 6 . Exhibit 2 (XLS File): Estimates Based On Current Orders
- 7 . Amendment 1\_Required Question

**Attributes :**

#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  
 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 USDA Specification; this solicitation; the Agriculture Acquisition Regulations (AGAR); and the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR).

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

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
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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
10		<b>VEGETABLE, CANNED</b>			
20	100320	VEG MIX CAN-24/300	07/01/2022-07/15/2022		CS
				184,680.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for VEG MIX CAN-24/300</b>			CS
				184,680.000	
30	100314	PEAS CAN-24/300	07/01/2022-07/15/2022		CS
				38,880.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-24/300</b>			CS
				38,880.000	
40	100310	CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300	07/01/2022-07/15/2022		CS
				16,200.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300</b>			CS
				16,200.000	
50	100307	BEANS GREEN CAN-6/10	07/01/2022-07/15/2022		CS
				10,032.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN CAN-6/10</b>			CS
				10,032.000	
60	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10	08/01/2022-08/15/2022		CS
				11,856.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for CARROTS CAN-6/10</b>			CS
				11,856.000	
70	100308	CARROTS CAN-24/300	08/16/2022-08/31/2022		CS
				137,700.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for CARROTS CAN-24/300</b>			CS
				137,700.000	
80	100313	CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10	07/16/2022-07/31/2022		CS
				21,888.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10</b>			CS
				21,888.000	
90	100315	PEAS CAN-6/10	07/01/2022-07/15/2022		CS
				912.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-6/10</b>			CS
				912.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>			CS
				422,148.000	



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