

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

**Information**

Description: **12-3J14-22-B-0021**  
Bid invitation number: **2000008133**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

**SOLICITATION**  
**Domestic Commodity Invitation**

**Bid invitation Overview**

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 10/21/2021 11:20:00  
Offer Due Date : 11/01/2021 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 11/01/2021 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

**Additional requested information:**

**Tendering text - Header :**

Dried Fruit Products, 2000008133.

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, November 15, 2021. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2022 - March 31, 2022.

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requirements for check loading Dried Fruit by USDA inspectors outlined in the attached Commodity Specifications are No Longer applicable.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

CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ - 100% - Small Business  
FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB - 100% - Small Business  
PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1 LB - 100% - Small Business  
RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ- 50% - Small Business  
RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ 50% - Small Business

\*\* 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

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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 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 September 2021; the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated January 2021; the Commodity Specification for Shelled Nuts dated April 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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all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.) To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).

**See attached documents:**

- 1 . MSCP-D (09-01-21)
- 2 . CommoditySpecificationforDriedFruitJanuary2021

**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

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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 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.

1A) Offeror has reviewed the List of Required Products for GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN) Reporting located at:

Permitted values: - NO  
 - YES

[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).

1B) Offeror certifies that complete and accurate product information will be submitted to GS1 GDSN no later than December 31, 2021, if the awarded contract includes item(s) from the List of Required Products for GS1 GDSN Reporting.

1C) 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.

**Bid invitation Item details**

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
<b>10</b>		<b>FRUIT, DRIED</b>			
<b>20</b>		<b>CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ</b>			
<b>30</b>		<b>GENEVA IL</b>			
40	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	60134	CS 1,500.000
<b>50</b>		<b>BALTIMORE MD</b>			
60	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	02/01/2022-02/15/2022	21227	CS 1,500.000
<b>Total Quantity for CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ</b>					<b>CS 3,000.000</b>
<b>70</b>		<b>FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB</b>			

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<b>80 CHICAGO IL</b>							
90	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	60632		CS	
					1,456.000		
100	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	02/01/2022-02/15/2022	60632		CS	
					1,456.000		
110	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	60632		CS	
					1,456.000		
<b>120 SPRINGFIELD IL</b>							
130	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	62703		CS	
					1,456.000		
<b>430 NAMPA ID</b>							
440	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	83687		CS	
					1,456.000		
<b>450 KANSAS CITY MO</b>							
460	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	02/01/2022-02/15/2022	64161		CS	
					1,456.000		
		<b>Total Quantity for FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB</b>				CS	
					8,736.000		
<b>140 RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ</b>							
<b>150 HUNTINGDON PA</b>							
160	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	16652		CS	
					14,820.000		
<b>170 PHILADELPHIA PA</b>							
180	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	19129		CS	
					5,928.000		
<b>190 LOT: 896941165 BOSTON MA / SHREWSBURY...</b>							
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 896941165 BOSTON MA / SHREWSBURY MA /					
200	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	02118		CS	
					2,223.000		
210	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	01545		CS	
					741.000		
		<b>Total Quantity for RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ</b>				CS	
					23,712.000		
<b>220 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ</b>							
<b>230 COMMERCE CA</b>							
240	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	90040		CS	
					1,728.000		

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250	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	90040	1,728.000	CS
<b>260 BALTIMORE MD</b>						
270	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	21227	1,728.000	CS
<b>280 VINELAND NJ</b>						
290	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	08360	1,728.000	CS
<b>300 BRENTWOOD NY</b>						
310	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	01/16/2022-01/31/2022	11717	1,728.000	CS
320	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	11717	1,728.000	CS
<b>330 LOT: 220562499 BOSTON MA / HATFIELD MA /</b>						
340	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	02118	1,296.000	CS
350	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	01038	432.000	CS
<b>360 LOT: 802229274 CADILLAC MI / ELMIRA M...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 802229274 CADILLAC MI / ELMIRA MI / TAYLOR MI /						
370	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	02/01/2022-02/15/2022	49601	414.000	CS
380	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	02/01/2022-02/15/2022	49730	864.000	CS
390	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	02/01/2022-02/15/2022	48180	450.000	CS
<b>400 LOT: 954796461 JONESBORO AR / VAN BUR..</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 954796461 JONESBORO AR / VAN BUREN AR /						
410	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	72404	1,128.000	CS
420	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	72956	600.000	CS
<b>520 NAMPA ID</b>						
530	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	83687	1,728.000	CS
540	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	01/16/2022-01/31/2022	83687	1,728.000	CS

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<b>550 SYRACUSE NY</b>						
560	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	13209		CS
					1,728.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ</b>				CS
					20,736.000	
<b>470 PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1 LB</b>						
<b>480 NAMPA ID</b>						
490	100290	PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	02/01/2022-02/15/2022	83687		CS
					1,500.000	
<b>500 KANSAS CITY MO</b>						
510	100290	PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	64161		CS
					1,500.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1 LB</b>				CS
					3,000.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>				CS
					59,184.000	



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