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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-22-B-0281-0001**
Bid invitation number: **2000008468**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 04/26/2022 10:25:00
Offer Due Date : 05/03/2022 13:00:00

Opening date: 05/03/2022 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Amendment Text :

1. The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the following:
a. For this solicitation dried apples or plum pieces may be substituted, only for the dried cranberries. No other ingredients that are required may be substituted. If dried apples or plum pieces are substituted for the dried cranberries, then they must meet all the requirements listed in the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit January 2021.

Tendering text - Header :

Dried Fruit and Nut Mix , SOLICITATION NO: 2000008468

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Dried Fruit and Nut Mix 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, May 10, 2022. Deliveries are to be made between July 16, 2022 through August 31, 2022.

The Specialist for this solicitation is Samantha Klagenberg , samantha.klagenberg@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.

Crop Year:

2021 and 2022 will be acceptable for this solicitation, for FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB

Set asides include:

100297 FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1LB 100% Small Business Set-Aside.

** 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

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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 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 March 2022; the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated August 2021; the Commodity Specification for Shelled Tree Nuts is April 2020, Commodity Specification for Shelled Tree Nuts Amendment Aug 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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where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not 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 . Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit January 2021
- 2 . Commodity Specification for Shelled Tree Nuts April 2020
- 3 . Commodity Specification for Shelled Tree Nuts_Amendment 1 August
- 4 . MSCP-D March 2022
- 5 . 2000008468_A01

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:
- Have been delivered
 - Have not been delivered
 - Have not been delivered, but the Offeror has notified the Contracting Officer
 - There are no existing contracts/purchase orders

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.

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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 acknowledges receipt of the amendment(s) to the solicitation. Select N/A if no amendment was issued to the solicitation.

- Permitted values:
- Yes
 - No
 - N/A

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.

1B) Offeror certifies that complete and accurate product information will be submitted to GS1 GDSN no later 20 days after contract award, 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	
10		FRUIT, DRIED				
20		FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB				
30		EAST POINT GA				
40	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	07/16/2022-07/31/2022	30344		CS
					1,456.000	

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
50 OFFSHORE: CAROLINA PR						
60	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	08/01/2022-08/15/2022	00982	2,912.000	CS
70 OFFSHORE: VEGA BAJA PR						
80	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	08/16/2022-08/31/2022	00693	2,912.000	CS
Total Quantity for FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB					7,280.000	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					7,280.000	CS

Amendment Details

Amendment : 12-3J14-22-B-0281-0001 Date : 04/29/2022

Action	Item	Material	Description	Type
		Field	Old Value	New Value

See comments in the amendment header text for specific details.



Contracting Officer
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