

**United States Department of Agriculture**  
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Room 3522-S, STOP 0239  
Washington, DC 20036

## Information

Description: **12-3J14-22-B-0296**  
Bid invitation number: **2000008484**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION

### Master/Shortfall Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 04/20/2022 15:45:00  
Offer Due Date : 05/04/2022 13:00:00

Opening date: 05/04/2022 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Master

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

Seasonal Canned and Frozen Fruit (IFB 2, IDIQ), USDA Solicitation No.: 2000008484

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell canned and frozen fruit pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the National School Lunch Program and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Bids are due on the #Offer Due Date,# which is also referred to as the #Opening Date.# Late bids will not be considered.

Acceptances will be announced by May 18, 2022. Successful vendors will be notified via WBSCM. Unsuccessful vendors will not be notified directly. A GovDelivery notice with the award announcement information will be sent on or around the award date.

Deliveries are to be made between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023.

#### POINT OF CONTACT

The specialist for this purchase is Kimberly Mason at Kimber.Mason2@usda.gov. The contracting officer for this purchase is Kyla Stoufer at Kyla.Stoufer@usda.gov. Please contact the specialist first with questions about the requirements. Do not discuss your bid prices with the specialist or contracting officer before award.

#### Reminder of Certain Requirements

A bidder should:

- 1),,Be in active status in SAM.gov
- 2),,Be active in WBSCM with the required bidder roles
- 3),,Be a qualified bidder with the Agricultural Marketing Service
- 4),,List at least one compliant shipping point AND plant with their bid in WBSCM

The incorporated terms of any subsequent contract and obligations for both the awardee and Government can be found in:

- 1),,The tendering text of this solicitation
- 2),,The AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurement # Domestic Programs, often referred to as the #MSCP# (attached to this solicitation in WBSCM)
- 3),,The applicable Commodity Specifications (attached to this solicitation in WBSCM)
- 4) Fruit Invitation for Bids (IFB) IDIQ.docx (attached)

Attachments to the solicitation can also be found here: <https://portal.wbscm.usda.gov/publicprocurement>

#### SOLICITATION-SPECIFIC DETAILS

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All offerors should reference the Fruit Invitation for Bids (IFB) IDIQ 2000008484 document attached to the solicitation for more information.

**CONSTRAINTS**

If applicable, constraints must be entered in truckloads NOT cases, pounds, etc. Constraints may overlap by product and delivery window. If an offeror has no constraints for a given product, they are not required to enter constraints.

**ATTRIBUTE QUESTIONS**

Questions must be answered accurately, in full, and with the most up-to-date information.

**ADDITIONAL NOTICES**

For a new-to-USDA contractor and existing contractors who are bidding on new products, a probationary period may be implemented in which awards are limited to 10 truckloads per product. Contractor must demonstrate successful delivery of at least five 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.

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 item "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.

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 attached Master Solicitation and Commodity Specification, or this solicitation should be directed to the Contract Specialist and/or 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:**

- 1 . Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements - March 2022
- 2 . Commodity Specification For Frozen fruit Feb 2022
- 3 . PART B - Schedule October 2022 - September 2023
- 4 . Exhibit 2 - Estimates Based on Current Orders
- 5 . Frequently Asked Questions
- 6 . Fruit Invitation for Bids (IFB) IDIQ

**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 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?

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

Offeror certifies that this offer is compliant with FAR 52.204-25 and will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation.

Offeror certifies that this offer is compliant with FAR 52.204-25 and does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services.

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

- Permitted values:
- YES
  - NO

[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 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.

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

**Bid invitation Item details**

Item Material Description	Quantity
10 FRUIT, CANNED	

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Item	Material	Description	Quantity	
20	100210	APRICOT HALVES CAN-24/300		CS
			238,140.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for APRICOT HALVES CAN-24/300</b>		CS
			238,140.000	
30	100216	APRICOTS DICED PEELED EX LT CAN-6/10		CS
			14,592.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for APRICOTS DICED PEELED EX LT CAN-6/10</b>		CS
			14,592.000	
<b>40 FRUIT, FROZEN</b>				
50	100256	STRAWBERRY FRZ CUP-96/4.5 OZ		CS
			1,019,200.00	
			0	
		<b>Total Quantity for STRAWBERRY FRZ CUP-96/4.5 OZ</b>		CS
			1,019,200.00	
			0	
60	110859	MIXED BERRY FRZ CUP-96/4.OZ		CS
			410,200.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for MIXED BERRY FRZ CUP-96/4.OZ</b>		CS
			410,200.000	
70	100261	APRICOT FRZ CUP-96/4.5 OZ		CS
			86,800.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for APRICOT FRZ CUP-96/4.5 OZ</b>		CS
			86,800.000	
80	100254	STRAWBERRY SLICES FRZ CTN-30 LB		CS
			87,120.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for STRAWBERRY SLICES FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>		CS
			87,120.000	
90	110860	STRAWBERRY SLICES UNSWT IQF CTN-6/5 LB		CS
			141,240.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for STRAWBERRY SLICES UNSWT IQF CTN-6/5 LB</b>		CS
			141,240.000	
100	110846	STRAWBERRY WHOLE UNSWT IQF CTN-6/5 LB		CS
			25,080.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for STRAWBERRY WHOLE UNSWT IQF CTN-6/5 LB</b>		CS
			25,080.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>		CS
			2,022,372.00	

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Item Material Description	Quantity
	0



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