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Washington, DC 20036

## Information

Description: **12-3J14-22-B-0386**  
Bid invitation number: **2000008587**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 06/03/2022 09:30:00  
Offer Due Date : 06/08/2022 13:00:00

Opening date: 06/08/2022 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

Frozen Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO: 2000008587

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Frozen Vegetables under the Build Back Better Initiative 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, June 10, 2022. Deliveries are to be made between September 1, 2022 through October 15, 2022.

The specialist for this solicitation is Claudius Price,(Claudius.I.Price@usda.gov). The contracting officer for this solicitation is David Cottrell,(David.Cottrell@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

The Frozen Asparagus must meet all relevant requirements of the Commodity Specification for Frozen Vegetables March 2022 (Asparagus), with the following changes for sizes (diameter). These changes are for this BBB purchase only.

2. Sizes (Diameter) of spears and tips # medium size or No. 2 classification ¼ inch or larger but less than ¾ inch (plus or minus 7% by count).

Pack Year: USDA will accept product produced in calendar year 2022 for deliveries made under resulting contracts.

The Quantity Tolerance section of the specification document, "Contractor will be allowed a tolerance on the final delivery of plus or minus 50 cases of each product, from each shipping point named in the purchase order", is not applicable to this solicitation. USDA will not pay for any cases exceeding the contracted quantity.

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

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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 Frozen Vegetables dated March 2022; 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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**See attached documents:**

- 1 . AMS MSCP-D Dated 3-1-22
- 2 . Commodity Spec Frz Veg Dated 3-2022

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**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).

1A) 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.

[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.

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

**Bid invitation Item details**

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
10		<b>VEGETABLE, FROZEN</b>			
20		<b>ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB</b>			
30		<b>PHOENIX AZ</b>			
40	100346	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	09/01/2022-09/15/2022	85009	CS

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
					1,200.000	
<b>50 INDIO CA</b>						
60	100346	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	09/01/2022-09/15/2022	92201		CS
					1,200.000	
70	100346	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	10/01/2022-10/15/2022	92201		CS
					1,200.000	
<b>80 HOMESTEAD FL</b>						
90	100346	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	09/16/2022-09/30/2022	33033		CS
					1,200.000	
<b>100 CHICAGO IL</b>						
110	100346	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	10/01/2022-10/15/2022	60632		CS
					1,200.000	
<b>120 VINELAND NJ</b>						
130	100346	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	10/16/2022-10/31/2022	08360		CS
					1,200.000	
<b>140 LATHAM NY</b>						
150	100346	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	09/01/2022-09/15/2022	12110		CS
					1,200.000	
<b>160 HOUSTON TX</b>						
170	100346	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	09/01/2022-09/15/2022	77029		CS
					1,200.000	
<b>180 LOT: 4591383 CREEDMOOR NC / SALISBURY...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 4591383 CREEDMOOR NC / SALISBURY NC /						
190	100346	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	10/01/2022-10/15/2022	27522		CS
					600.000	
200	100346	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	10/01/2022-10/15/2022	28147		CS
					600.000	
<b>210 LOT: 52044895 COLORADO SPRING CO / DE..</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 52044895 COLORADO SPRING CO / DENVER CO /						
GREELEY CO /						
220	100346	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	10/01/2022-10/15/2022	80915		CS
					300.000	
230	100346	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	10/01/2022-10/15/2022	80239		CS
					600.000	
240	100346	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	10/01/2022-10/15/2022	80631		CS
					300.000	
<b>250 LOT: 202170048 CLEVELAND OH / DAYTON ...</b>						

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Required by</u>	<u>ZipCode</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	
<b>Tendering text - Item : LOT: 202170048 CLEVELAND OH / DAYTON OH / GROVE CITY OH /</b>						
260	100346	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	10/01/2022-10/15/2022	44110	300.000	CS
270	100346	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	10/01/2022-10/15/2022	45417	540.000	CS
280	100346	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	10/01/2022-10/15/2022	43123	360.000	CS
<b>Total Quantity for ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB</b>					<b>13,200.000</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>					<b>13,200.000</b>	<b>CS</b>

*David G. Cottrell Jr.*

**Contracting Officer**  
**Commodity Procurement Division**  
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