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Washington, DC 20036

## Information

Description: **12-3J14-22-B-0412**  
Bid invitation number: **2000008617**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 06/27/2022 11:10:00  
Offer Due Date : 07/11/2022 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 07/11/2022 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

##### Tendering text - Header :

Fresh Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO: (2000008617)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh vegetables 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, July 25, 2022. Deliveries are to be made between August 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

The specialist for this solicitation is Christopher Edwards (Christopher.Edwards3@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 office before award.

This solicitation has a 100% small business set-aside under NAICS code 311991 for the following materials:

#101019 -Potatoes Round White Fresh Bag- 10/5 LB  
#101017- Potatoes Russet Fresh Bag- 10/5 LB

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh vegetables are required to undergo and pass the USDA AMS SCP Specialty Crop Inspection Division (SCID) Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices (GHP) verification audits, and must score at least 80% on each of the following scopes for each product being offered:

GAP - Farm Review AND Field Harvesting & Field Packing Activities  
GHP - House Packing Facility AND Storage & Transportation  
All these requirements must be met PRIOR to the bid opening date.

Brokers are exempt from the USDA GAP/GHP requirements themselves, HOWEVER suppliers/subcontractors performing under the contract must have the applicable USDA GAP/GHP certification(s). Verification audits shall be performed by the USDA, AMS, SCP-SCID representatives only.

In order to be found responsive the contractor and/or its subcontractors/suppliers must be compliance with USDA GAP/GHP certification. Offerors must include in their bid the GAP and GHP Audit Verification Document, which is found in the attachments section of this solicitation. Offerors who do not complete this document in its entirety, do not include the document as an attachment to their bid, or are missing the required USDA GAP/GHP scopes listed above must be deemed nonresponsive.

All audits are valid for one year after the date the audit was conducted. More information on USDA GAP/GHP audits can be found here: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/gap-ghp> or by reaching out to [scaudits@usda.gov](mailto:scaudits@usda.gov)

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Awardees may ship and supply from any location found here:

<https://apps.ams.usda.gov/GAPGHP/reportG01.aspx>

If USDA/AMS finds that suppliers used by the contractor are not in compliance with AMS GAP/GHP certification requirements after the product is delivered, the following courses of action will apply:

1. A cure notice shall be issued informing the contractor of their failure to comply with the required elements of this solicitation. The USDA will then deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries shipped or invoiced prior to the date listed on the cure notice.
2. If the contractor ships noncompliant product after the date of the cure notice:
  - a. USDA/AMS will deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries;
  - b. The contract will be terminated for cause; and
  - c. The contractor will be suspended from participating in all future USDA/AMS fresh fruit and vegetable solicitations for a period of one year from the date of contract termination.

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 Fresh Vegetables; 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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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), or (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).

**See attached documents:**

- 1 . GAP and GHP Audit Verification Document
- 2 . Commodity Specification for Fresh Vegetables
- 3 . AMS MSCP-D Dated 3-1-22

**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).

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.

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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
<b>10</b>		<b>VEGETABLE, FRESH</b>			
<b>20</b>		<b>POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB</b>			
<b>30</b>		<b>EXETER CA</b>			
40	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/01/2022-08/03/2022	93221	800.000 CS
<b>50</b>		<b>LONG BEACH CA</b>			
60	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/01/2022-08/03/2022	90813	800.000 CS
<b>70</b>		<b>EAST POINT GA</b>			
80	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/21/2022-11/23/2022	30344	800.000 CS
<b>90</b>		<b>GENEVA IL</b>			
100	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/12/2022-12/14/2022	60134	800.000 CS
<b>110</b>		<b>SHREVEPORT LA</b>			
120	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/19/2022-09/21/2022	71106	800.000 CS
<b>130</b>		<b>CORPUS CHRISTI TX</b>			
140	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/31/2022-11/02/2022	78408	800.000 CS
<b>150</b>		<b>LOT: 564258901 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORL...</b>			
		<b>Tendering text - Item : LOT: 564258901 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /</b>			
160	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/17/2022-10/19/2022	70505	400.000 CS
170	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/17/2022-10/19/2022	70123	400.000 CS
<b>180</b>		<b>LOT: 621904901 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORL...</b>			

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<b>Tendering text - Item : LOT: 621904901 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /</b>						
190	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/15/2022-08/17/2022	70505	400.000	CS
200	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/15/2022-08/17/2022	70123	400.000	CS
<b>210 LOT: 703185813 EVANSVILLE IN / BRIDGE..</b>						
<b>Tendering text - Item : LOT: 703185813 EVANSVILLE IN / BRIDGETON MO /</b>						
220	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/28/2022-11/30/2022	47711	400.000	CS
230	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/28/2022-11/30/2022	63044	400.000	CS
<b>Total Quantity for POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB</b>					<b>7,200.000</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>240 POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB</b>						
<b>250 MESA AZ</b>						
260	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/01/2022-08/03/2022	85210	800.000	CS
430	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/05/2022-09/07/2022	85210	800.000	CS
590	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/03/2022-10/05/2022	85210	800.000	CS
750	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/07/2022-11/09/2022	85210	800.000	CS
<b>270 INDIO CA</b>						
280	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/01/2022-08/03/2022	92201	800.000	CS
460	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/19/2022-09/21/2022	92201	800.000	CS
760	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/31/2022-11/02/2022	92201	800.000	CS
<b>290 ALEXANDRIA LA</b>						
300	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/01/2022-08/03/2022	71301	800.000	CS
1040	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/05/2022-12/07/2022	71301	800.000	CS
<b>310 LAFAYETTE LA</b>						
320	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/01/2022-08/03/2022	70505		CS

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					800.000	
<b>330</b>		<b>MONROE LA</b>				
340	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/01/2022-08/03/2022	71203	800.000	CS
<b>350</b>		<b>NEW ORLEANS LA</b>				
360	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/01/2022-08/03/2022	70123	800.000	CS
<b>370</b>		<b>LOT: 931987710 BOSTON MA / LOWELL MA ...</b>				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 931987710 BOSTON MA / LOWELL MA / SHREWSBURY MA /				
380	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/08/2022-08/10/2022	02118	400.000	CS
390	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/08/2022-08/10/2022	01854	200.000	CS
400	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/08/2022-08/10/2022	01545	200.000	CS
<b>410</b>		<b>LONG BEACH CA</b>				
420	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/22/2022-08/24/2022	90813	800.000	CS
470	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/19/2022-09/21/2022	90813	800.000	CS
<b>440</b>		<b>EXETER CA</b>				
450	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/05/2022-09/07/2022	93221	800.000	CS
<b>480</b>		<b>SAN DIEGO CA</b>				
490	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/12/2022-09/14/2022	92121	800.000	CS
810	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/28/2022-11/30/2022	92121	800.000	CS
<b>500</b>		<b>LOT: 470541424 EVANSVILLE IN / BRIDGE..</b>				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 470541424 EVANSVILLE IN / BRIDGETON MO /				
510	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/26/2022-09/28/2022	47711	400.000	CS
520	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/26/2022-09/28/2022	63044	400.000	CS
<b>530</b>		<b>LOT: 544101721 BOSTON MA / LOWELL MA /</b>				
540	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/26/2022-09/28/2022	02118		CS

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					600.000	
550	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/26/2022-09/28/2022	01854		CS
					200.000	
<b>560 LOT: 553133034 BOSTON MA / SHREWSBURY...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 553133034 BOSTON MA / SHREWSBURY MA /						
570	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/12/2022-09/14/2022	02118		CS
					600.000	
580	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/12/2022-09/14/2022	01545		CS
					200.000	
<b>600 IRVINE CA</b>						
610	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/24/2022-10/26/2022	92618		CS
					800.000	
770	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/14/2022-11/16/2022	92618		CS
					800.000	
1030	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/05/2022-12/07/2022	92618		CS
					800.000	
<b>620 MERCED CA</b>						
630	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/17/2022-10/19/2022	95348		CS
					800.000	
<b>640 SACRAMENTO CA</b>						
650	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/03/2022-10/05/2022	95838		CS
					800.000	
780	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/07/2022-11/09/2022	95838		CS
					800.000	
<b>660 EAST POINT GA</b>						
670	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/24/2022-10/26/2022	30344		CS
					800.000	
<b>680 GENEVA IL</b>						
690	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/10/2022-10/12/2022	60134		CS
					800.000	
<b>700 LAREDO TX</b>						
710	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/24/2022-10/26/2022	78040		CS
					800.000	
<b>720 LOT: 200246657 BOSTON MA / SHREWSBURY...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 200246657 BOSTON MA / SHREWSBURY MA /						
730	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/10/2022-10/12/2022	02118		CS
					600.000	

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740	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/10/2022-10/12/2022	01545	200.000	CS
<b>790 SALINAS CA</b>						
800	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/14/2022-11/16/2022	93907	800.000	CS
<b>820 DAVENPORT IA</b>						
830	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/28/2022-11/30/2022	52802	800.000	CS
<b>840 HOUSTON TX</b>						
850	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/28/2022-11/30/2022	77029	800.000	CS
1050	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/05/2022-12/07/2022	77029	1,600.000	CS
<b>860 SALEM VA</b>						
870	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/31/2022-11/02/2022	24153	800.000	CS
<b>880 LOT: 158899860 FREDERICKSBURG VA / LO...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 158899860 FREDERICKSBURG VA / LORTON VA /						
890	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/14/2022-11/16/2022	22408	400.000	CS
900	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/14/2022-11/16/2022	22079	400.000	CS
<b>910 LOT: 257996042 BOSTON MA / LOWELL MA /</b>						
920	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/31/2022-11/02/2022	02118	600.000	CS
930	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/31/2022-11/02/2022	01854	200.000	CS
<b>940 LOT: 389932162 BOSTON MA / SHREWSBURY...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 389932162 BOSTON MA / SHREWSBURY MA /						
950	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/14/2022-11/16/2022	02118	600.000	CS
960	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/14/2022-11/16/2022	01545	200.000	CS
<b>970 LOT: 648067356 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORL...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 648067356 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /						
980	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/07/2022-11/09/2022	70505	400.000	CS
990	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/07/2022-11/09/2022	70123		CS



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					400.000	
<b>1000 LOT: 846541011 SARASOTA FL / TAMPA FL /</b>						
1010	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/31/2022-11/02/2022	34240	400.000	CS
1020	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/31/2022-11/02/2022	33605	400.000	CS
<b>1060 LOT: 202563822 BOSTON MA / LOWELL MA ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 202563822 BOSTON MA / LOWELL MA / SHREWSBURY MA /						
1070	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/12/2022-12/14/2022	02118	400.000	CS
1080	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/12/2022-12/14/2022	01854	200.000	CS
1090	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/12/2022-12/14/2022	01545	200.000	CS
<b>Total Quantity for POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB</b>					<b>34,400.000</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>					<b>41,600.000</b>	<b>CS</b>

*David G. Cottrell Jr.*

**Contracting Officer**

**Commodity Procurement Division**

**United States Department of Agriculture**