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Information

Description: **12-3J14-22-B-0413**
Bid invitation number: **2000008618**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Domestic**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 06/27/2022 12:00:00
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 :

SUNFLOWER SEED BUTTER, SOLICITATION NO: 2000008618

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Sunflower Seed Butter 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 5pm CT on July 14, 2022. Deliveries are to be made between October 1, 2022 to December 15, 2022.

This Acquisition is Unrestricted.

Any small business concern proposing to furnish a product that it did not itself manufacture must furnish the product of a small business and, by the offer due date/local time, submit the corresponding supplier agreement to, Attention: Contracting Officer. The supplier agreement shall: be in effect between the offeror and the product manufacturer for the period of contract performance, certify compliance with the applicable solicitation requirements, contain the UEI number for the product manufacturer, be on the product manufacturer's company letterhead, and be signed by both parties.

A prospective contractor will be required to provide written evidence of a proposed subcontractor's responsibility including Plant Sanitation and Food Defense surveys. The Contracting Officer will directly determine a prospective subcontractor's responsibility, per FAR 9.104-4.

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 a specific amount of truckloads per product. Contractor must demonstrate successful delivery of a specific amount of truckloads of the 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 "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.

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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 877-927-2648 for assistance.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only on quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation, the Commodity Requirements, or this Solicitation should be directed to the Contract Specialist: Raquel Clinton, Raquel.Clinton@usda.gov or the Contracting Officer: Jenny Babiuch, Jenny.Babiuch@usda.gov.

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Certification Questions :

All Bid Certification Questions must be answered. Please utilize the attached Bid Certification Questions document when answering questions.

See attached documents:

- 1 . Bid Certification Questions
- 2 . Commodity Requirements for Sunflower Seed Butter April 2017
- 3 . Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurement March 2022

Attributes :

1. System for Award Management (SAM)
 - 1a. System for Award Management (SAM)-changes to this solicitation
2. Amendments to Solicitation
3. All USDA contracts with the Offeror that have a Not-Later-Than date prior to the solicitation opening:
 - Permitted values:
 - NO PREVIOUS CONTRACTS
 - HAVE NOT BEEN DELIVERED
 - HAVE BEEN DELIVERED
4. Brand Name and Pack Size
5. Plant locations for all items have been verified pursuant to the Place of Performance-Sealed Bidding?
6. Supplier Agreements
 - Permitted values:
 - N/A
 - NO
 - YES
- 6a. Supplier Agreement-Capability Requirements
 - Permitted values:
 - NOT APPLICABLE
 - NO
 - YES
7. Commodity Specifications
8. Offeror Contact Information
 - 8a. Emergency Point of Contact
9. GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN)
10. Food Safety Modernization Act

Bid invitation Item details

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
10 SEED BUTTER					
20 SUNFLOWER SEED BUTTER 6-5#'S					
30 GRANITE CITY IL					
40	100935	SUNFLOWER SEED BUTTER 6-5#'S	12/01/2022-12/15/2022	62040	LB 36,960.000
50 WAYNE NJ					
60	100935	SUNFLOWER SEED BUTTER 6-5#'S	12/01/2022-12/15/2022	07470	LB 36,960.000
70 BROOKLYN NY					
80	100935	SUNFLOWER SEED BUTTER 6-5#'S	12/01/2022-12/15/2022	11207	LB 36,960.000
90	100935	SUNFLOWER SEED BUTTER 6-5#'S	12/01/2022-12/15/2022	11236	LB 36,960.000
100 LOT: 101140591 TAUNTON MA / ESSEX VT /					
110	100935	SUNFLOWER SEED BUTTER 6-5#'S	10/01/2022-10/15/2022	02780	LB 30,060.000
120	100935	SUNFLOWER SEED BUTTER 6-5#'S	10/01/2022-10/15/2022	05452	LB 6,900.000
130 LOT: 565438921 SOUTH WINDSOR CT / CRA...					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 565438921 SOUTH WINDSOR CT / CRANSTON RI /					
140	100935	SUNFLOWER SEED BUTTER 6-5#'S	10/01/2022-10/15/2022	06074	LB 9,240.000
150	100935	SUNFLOWER SEED BUTTER 6-5#'S	10/01/2022-10/15/2022	02920	LB 27,720.000
Total Quantity for SUNFLOWER SEED BUTTER 6-5#'S					LB 221,760.000
160 SEED BUTTER, KOSHER					
170 K SUNFLOWER SEED BUTTER 6-5#'S					
180 WAYNE NJ					
190	110073	K SUNFLOWER SEED BUTTER 6-5#'S	10/01/2022-10/15/2022	07470	LB 36,960.000
Total Quantity for K SUNFLOWER SEED BUTTER 6-5#'S					LB 36,960.000
Total Quantity for Invitation					LB 258,720.000



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 Contracting Officer
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