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S.W. - Room 3522 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Room 3522-S, STOP 0239 Washington, DC 20036

#### Information

Description: 12-3J14-23-B-0095
Bid invitation number: 2000008944
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

#### **SOLICITATION**

**Domestic Commodity Invitation** 

#### **Bid invitation Overview**

Bid Timezone: Central Time

Start Date: 11/22/2022 12:00:00 Offer Due Date : 12/02/2022 13:00:00

Opening date: 12/02/2022 13:00:00

Invitation Type: Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

Canned Fruit, SOLICITATION NO: 2000008944

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Canned Fruit 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, December 15, 2022. Deliveries are to be made between February 1, 2023 and March 31, 2023.

The Contract Specialist for this solicitation is Kimberly Mason (kimberly.mason2@usda.gov) and the Contracting Officer is Kyla Stoufer (kyla.stoufer@usda.gov). Any questions or concerns regarding this solicitation should be addressed to the specialist first.

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.

Canned products will be accepted for up to 18 months from the date of inspection.

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 (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 held against the contractor.

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.

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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 (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 Canned Fruit dated August 2021; 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 . MSCP-D (03-01-2022)
- 2 . Commodity Specification for Canned Fruit August 2021

#### 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

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- 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.

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

Bid invitation Item details									
Item Material Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity						
10 FRUIT, CANNED									
20 APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10									
30 AUGUSTA ME									
40 100206 APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	04330	cs						
			912.000						
50 ST. PAUL MN									
60 100206 APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	55117	cs						
			912.000						
70 CREEDMOOR NC									
80 100206 APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	27522	cs						
			1,824.000						

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90 5	SALISBUI	RY NC				
100	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	28147	912.000	CS
110	NEWAR	K NJ				
120	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	07114	912.000	CS
130	VINELAI	ND NJ				
140	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	08360	912.000	cs
150	MCALES	STER OK				
160	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	74501	3,648.000	cs
170	CLEARF	IELD UT				
180	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	84016	912.000	cs
190	LOT: 12	2131 TAUNTON MA				
200	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	02780	684.000	cs
210	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	02780	228.000	cs
220	LOT: 61	566105 GRAND ISLAND NE / LA V	′I			
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 61566 LINCOLN NE /	3105 GRAND ISLAND	NE / LA '	VISTA NE /	
230	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	68803	228.000	cs
240	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	68128		cs
					228.000	
250	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	68502	456.000	CS
260	LOT: 11	1036694 GRAND ISLAND NE				
270	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	68803	837.000	CS
280	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	68803	75.000	cs
290	LOT: 28	37414107 GRAND ISLAND NE / CLE	A			
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 28741 OGDEN UT /	4107 GRAND ISLAND	NE / CL	EARFIELD U	IT /
300	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	68803		cs

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					228.000	
310	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	84016		cs
220	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	94404	456.000	cs
320	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-0/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	84401	228.000	CS
330	LOT: 99	5812573 ALEXANDRIA LA / MONR	0E			
		Tendering text - Item: LOT: 99581	2573 ALEXANDRIA LA	A / MONF	ROE LA /	
340	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	71301		CS
					456.000	
350	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	71203		CS
200	/ OT- 00	77.40.4.4. PDIOUTON MI / IMPEDIAL			456.000	
300	LO1: 99	7748444 BRIGHTON MI / IMPERIAL		IMPEDIA	I DA /	
		Tendering text - Item: LOT: 99774			L PA /	
370	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	48116	684.000	CS
290	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	15126	004.000	cs
300	100200	AFFLE SLICES CAN-0/10	02/01/2023-02/13/2023	13120	228.000	CO
390	LOT: 11	15100206 PHOENIX AZ				
400	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	85027		cs
					304.000	
410	100206	APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	85043		cs
					608.000	
Total Quantity for APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10					CS	
		Total Counties for Institution			17,328.000	
		Total Quantity for Invitation			17,328.000	CS
					17,320.000	

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