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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: 12-3J14-23-B-0139
Bid invitation number: 2000008993
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

SOLICITATION
Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 01/12/2023 14:00:00
Offer Due Date : 01/26/2023 13:00:00

Opening date: 01/26/2023 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Dried Fruit Products, SOLICITATION NO: 2000008993

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Dried 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, February 14, 2023. Deliveries are to be made between April 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2023.

The specialist for this solicitation is Shelia Tucker, Shelia.Tucker@usda.gov. The contracting officer for this solicitation is Kyla Stoufer, Kyla.Stoufer@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 award.

Set asides include:

100290 PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	100% Small Business Set-aside
100293 RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	50% Small Business Set-aside
100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	50% Small Business Set-aside
110723 CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	100% Small Business Set-aside

Crop Year:

2022 and 2023 will be acceptable for this solicitation, for PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1 LB, RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ, RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ and CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ.

** 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.**

Per FDA regulations, the following minimum mandatory labeling requirements for all foods, whether sold or donated, must appear on the label: Name of the food, Manufacturer's name and location, Net weight of the product, Ingredients list, and Allergen declaration. These requirements are codified in 21 CFR 101.2, 101.3, 101.4 and 101.5. See the following link for a guidance manual: <http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/LabelingNutrition/ucm064894.htm>

Offerors who intend to use more than one processing plant and shipping point for contracts awarded

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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.

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 Dried Fruit dated January 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:

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- 1 . CommoditySpecificationforDriedFruitJanuary2021
- 2 . AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurement 3-1-2022

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).

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

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- N/A

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

Permitted values: - NO
 - YES

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.

Bid invitation Item details

	Item Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity		
10	FRUIT, DRIED						
20	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ						
30	PHOENIX AZ						
40	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	04/01/2023-04/15/2023	85043	1,500.000	CS	
50	ONTARIO CA						
60	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	04/16/2023-04/30/2023	91761	1,500.000	CS	
70	SACRAMENTO CA						
80	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	04/01/2023-04/15/2023	95814	1,500.000	CS	
90	LOT: 335068954 HOUSTON TX / SAN ANTON...						
	Tendering text - Item : LOT: 335068954 HOUSTON TX / SAN ANTONIO TX /						
100	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	04/01/2023-04/15/2023	77095	1,123.000	CS	
110	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	04/01/2023-04/15/2023	78217	377.000	CS	
	Total Quantity for CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ					6,000.000	CS
120	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ						
130	PHOENIX AZ						
140	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	04/01/2023-04/15/2023	85043	2,964.000	CS	
150	POMONA CA						

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160	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/01/2023-06/15/2023	91767	2,964.000	CS
170 SACRAMENTO CA						
180	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	04/16/2023-04/30/2023	95814	2,964.000	CS
190 EATONTOWN NJ						
200	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/16/2023-06/30/2023	07724	2,964.000	CS
210 WAYNE NJ						
220	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	04/16/2023-04/30/2023	07470	2,964.000	CS
230	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/16/2023-06/30/2023	07470	2,964.000	CS
240 BROOKLYN NY						
250	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	04/16/2023-04/30/2023	11236	2,964.000	CS
260	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/16/2023-06/30/2023	11236	2,964.000	CS
270 LOT: 594506665 NEWARK NJ / VINELAND NJ /						
280	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	04/01/2023-04/15/2023	07114	1,482.000	CS
290	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	04/01/2023-04/15/2023	08360	1,482.000	CS
330 SAN BERNARDINO CA						
340	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/01/2023-06/15/2023	92415	2,964.000	CS
350 GENEVA IL						
360	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	05/16/2023-05/31/2023	60134	2,964.000	CS
370 LAS VEGAS NV						
380	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/01/2023-06/15/2023	89030	2,964.000	CS
Total Quantity for RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ					35,568.000	CS
300 PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1 LB						
310 OFFSHORE: CAGUAS PR						
320	100290	PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	06/16/2023-06/30/2023	00725	1,500.000	CS

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Total Quantity for PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1 LB					1,500.000	CS
390 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ						
400 RIVERSIDE CA						
410	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	04/01/2023-04/15/2023	92504	1,728.000	CS
420 CHICAGO IL						
430	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	04/16/2023-04/30/2023	60632	1,728.000	CS
440 JACKSON MS						
450	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	05/01/2023-05/15/2023	39201	1,728.000	CS
460 BRENTWOOD NY						
470	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	05/16/2023-05/31/2023	11717	1,728.000	CS
480	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	06/16/2023-06/30/2023	11717	1,728.000	CS
490 LOT: 271353066 DARDANELLE AR / JONESB...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 271353066 DARDANELLE AR / JONESBORO AR / LITTLE ROCK AR /						
500	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	06/01/2023-06/15/2023	72834	500.000	CS
510	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	06/01/2023-06/15/2023	72404	430.000	CS
520	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	06/01/2023-06/15/2023	72209	798.000	CS
530 LOT: 779076711 CARO MI / DETROIT MI /						
540	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	06/01/2023-06/15/2023	48723	432.000	CS
550	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	06/01/2023-06/15/2023	48238	1,296.000	CS
560 LOT: 863194807 CONCORDIA KS / WICHITA...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 863194807 CONCORDIA KS / WICHITA KS /						
570	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	06/01/2023-06/15/2023	66901	820.000	CS
580	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	06/01/2023-06/15/2023	67211	908.000	CS
590 LOT: 865954344 CONCORDIA KS / KANSAS ...						

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Tendering text - Item : LOT: 865954344 CONCORDIA KS / KANSAS CITY MO /						
600	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	06/01/2023-06/15/2023	66901	634.000	CS
610	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	06/01/2023-06/15/2023	64129	1,094.000	CS
620 NAMPA ID						
630	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	04/01/2023-04/15/2023	83687	3,456.000	CS
640	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	05/01/2023-05/15/2023	83687	1,728.000	CS
650 SYRACUSE NY						
660	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	04/01/2023-04/15/2023	13209	1,728.000	CS
670	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	05/01/2023-05/15/2023	13209	1,728.000	CS
Total Quantity for RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ					24,192.000	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					67,260.000	CS



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