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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-23-B-0287**
Bid invitation number: **2000009193**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION

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Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 03/16/2023 14:45:00
Offer Due Date : 03/30/2023 15:00:00

Opening date: 03/30/2023 15:00:00

Invitation Type : Master

Additional requested information:

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CANNED VEGETABLES PRODUCTS, REPLENISHMENT BUY, SOLICITATION NO. 2000009193

The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) requests offers to sell Canned Vegetables Products pursuant to the attached Invitation for Bids (IFB) solicitation document for use in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs.

Awards will be announced by Midnight, Friday, April 28, 2023. Deliveries are to be made between July 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023.

All offerors should reference the Canned and Dried Bean Invitation For Bids (IFB) IDIQ 2000009193 document attached to the solicitation for more information.

There is a probationary period for new-to-AMS contractors and existing contractors bidding on new products in which awards are limited to 10 truckloads per product. Contractor must demonstrate successful delivery of at least five (5) truckloads of [new] 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.

Products grown and packed in crop year 2023 onwards will be accepted for this solicitation

QUESTIONS regarding this IFB are due no later than COB Wednesday, March 22, 2023, via email only, to Cedric Hopkins at cedric.hopkins@usda.gov and Christopher Edwards at christopher.edwards3@usda.gov. Please use #Questions concerning Solicitation 2000009193 Canned Dried Bean IDIQ# as the subject line. Vendors are required to submit all questions no later than the deadline specified above. Untimely question submissions may not be answered. Answers to questions will be issued in writing via an amendment to the solicitation on COB Friday, March 24, 2023.

SET ASIDES:

111020 - BLACK BEANS CAN-24/300, -- 100 % SB, 10% SDVOSB
110021 - BEANS PINTO CAN-24/300, -- 70 % SB, 10% SDVOSB

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 proposals. 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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All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

***** Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver on-time*****

Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated March 2022; Inquiries for 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.

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.

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See attached documents:

- 1 . Commodity Specification for Canned Dried Beans
- 2 . AMS Master Solicitation
- 3 . Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetables
- 4 . Exhibit 2
- 5 . Canned Dried Bean and Diced Tomato CCC_Part B Schedule
- 6 . Canned Dried Bean and Diced Tomato IFB

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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:

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.

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 (Comment: Yes)
 - NO (Comment: No)
 - N/A (Comment: N/A)

Bid invitation Item details

Item Material	Description	Quantity
18420	VEGETABLE, CANNED	
1843 110021	BEANS PINTO CAN-24/300	
0		7,490,880.00
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Item	Material	Description	Quantity
		Total Quantity for BEANS PINTO CAN-24/300	0 CS
			7,490,880.00
1844	111031	BEANS DARK RED KIDNEY CAN-24/300	0 CS
			7,490,880.00
		Total Quantity for BEANS DARK RED KIDNEY CAN-24/300	0 CS
			7,490,880.00
1845	110020	BEANS BLACK CAN-24/300	0 CS
			7,490,880.00
		Total Quantity for BEANS BLACK CAN-24/300	0 CS
			7,490,880.00
1846	100328	TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300	0 CS
			9,914,400.00
		Total Quantity for TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300	0 CS
			9,914,400.00
		Total Quantity for Invitation	0 CS
			32,387,040.00



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