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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-23-B-0343**
Bid invitation number: **2000009262**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Domestic**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 04/14/2023 16:00:00
Offer Due Date : 04/24/2023 13:00:00

Opening date: 04/24/2023 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

CRACKERS, SOLICITATION NO: 12-3J14-23-B-0343 WBSCM NO:2000009262

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Crackers pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the National School Lunch Program and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs. Bids are due at 1pm CT on April 24, 2023. Acceptances will be announced by 5pm CT on April 28, 2023. Deliveries are to be made between July 01, 2023 and September 30, 2023.

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, 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.

The Government will award contracts to eligible HUBZone bidders as provided in the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements, Part II, Section C: 4A52.219-2 The HUBZone Program. If the bidder elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its bid.

The CID references two different manufacturing processes for a similar type of cracker (soda vs saltine), USDA Commodity Procurement has the option to allow both with purchasing this product.

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.

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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.

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 Contracting Officer; USDA, AMS, Commodity Procurement Program, Proteins, Grains, and Oilseeds Procurement Division; 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. S-0239; Washington, D.C. 20250-0239. Telephone: (202) 720-4517.

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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 . Commodity Requirements Crackers March 2020
- 2 . Bid Certification Questions
- 3 . Master Solicitation 2023

Attributes :

1. SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM).
 - 1a. System for Award Management (SAM)-changes to this solicitation
2. Amendment to Solicitation
3. All USDA contracts with the offeror that have a Not-Later-Than date prior to the solicitation opening:
 - Permitted values:
 - HAVE BEEN DELIVERED
 - HAVE NOT BEEN DELIVERED
 - NO PREVIOUS CONTRACTS
4. Brand name and pack size
5. Plant locations for all items has been verified pursuant to the Place of Performance-Sealed Bidding?
6. Supplier Agreements:
 - Permitted values:
 - YES
 - NO
 - N/A
- 6a. Supplier Agreement-Capability Requirements
7. Commodity Specifications
8. Offeror Contact Information
 - 8a. Emergency Point of Contact
9. GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN)
10. Food Safety Modernization Act
11. Offeror requests HUBZONE Small Business Price Evaluation Preference

Bid invitation Item details

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10 CRACKER PROD, PROC						
20 CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ						
30 TUCSON AZ						
40	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	07/01/2023-07/15/2023	85713	22,680.000	LB
50 NAMPA ID						
60	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	09/16/2023-09/30/2023	83687	22,680.000	LB
70 KANSAS CITY MO						
80	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	07/01/2023-07/15/2023	64161	22,680.000	LB
90	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	07/16/2023-07/31/2023	64161	22,680.000	LB
100	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	64161	22,680.000	LB
110	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	09/01/2023-09/15/2023	64161	22,680.000	LB
120 OFFSHORE: CAGUAS PR						
130	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	07/16/2023-07/31/2023	00725	22,680.000	LB
140 LOT: 329308834 BOSTON MA / HATFIELD M...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 329308834 BOSTON MA / HATFIELD MA / LOWELL MA /						
150	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	09/01/2023-09/15/2023	02118	11,328.000	LB
160	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	09/01/2023-09/15/2023	01038	5,676.000	LB
170	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	09/01/2023-09/15/2023	01854	5,676.000	LB
180 LOT: 918954756 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TUL...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 918954756 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TULSA OK /						
190	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	07/01/2023-07/15/2023	73179	13,608.000	LB
200	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	07/01/2023-07/15/2023	74106	9,072.000	LB
Total Quantity for CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ						204,120.000
Total Quantity for Invitation						LB

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<u>Item Material Description</u>	<u>Required by</u>	<u>ZipCode</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
			204,120.000



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