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Washington, DC 20036

#### Information

Description: **12-3J14-23-B-0351**  
Bid invitation number: **2000009272**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 04/18/2023 15:30:00  
Offer Due Date : 05/02/2023 15:00:00

Opening date: 05/02/2023 15:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

Canned Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO: 2000009272

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Canned Vegetables 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, May 16, 2023. Deliveries are to be made between October 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

The specialist for this solicitation is Blanca Ochoa at Blanca.Ochoa2@usda.gov. The contracting officer for this solicitation is David Jackson at DavidC.Jackson@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.

"Please note the MSCP has been updated as of 4/5/23. Please review the attached MSCP dated 4/3/23 for changes."

\*\*\* 100317 - Sweet Potatoes w/ Syrup Can-6/10 is 100% Small Business Set-Aside\*\*\*

There is a probationary period for new-to-AMS contractors and existing contractors bidding on new products in which awards may be 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.

The Quantity Tolerance section of the specification document, "Contractor will be allowed a tolerance on the final delivery of plus or minus 50 cases of each product, from each shipping point named in the purchase order", is not applicable to this solicitation. USDA will not pay for any cases exceeding the contracted quantity.

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.

For offshore destinations (Puerto Rico, Hawaii, etc.), offerors have the option to choose to enter their

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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 April 2023; Specification for Canned Vegetables dated January 2023 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 . Commodity Specifications Canned Vegetables Jan 2023
- 2 . MSCP-D 4-5-2023

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

- Permitted values:
- N/A
  - NO
  - YES

[https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/GS1\\_GDSN\\_ListofRequiredProducts.xlsx](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.

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	VEGETABLE, CANNED			

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
<b>20 SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10</b>					
<b>30 BIRMINGHAM AL</b>					
40	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	35210	CS 912.000
50	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	35210	CS 912.000
<b>60 CLANTON AL</b>					
70	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	35045	CS 912.000
80	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	35045	CS 912.000
<b>90 AUBURNDALE FL</b>					
100	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	33823	CS 912.000
<b>110 PLANT CITY FL</b>					
120	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	10/16/2023-10/31/2023	33563	CS 912.000
<b>130 GRANITE CITY IL</b>					
140	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	62040	CS 912.000
<b>150 BATON ROUGE LA</b>					
160	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	70806	CS 912.000
<b>170 ST MARTINVILLE LA</b>					
180	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	70582	CS 912.000
190	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	10/16/2023-10/31/2023	70582	CS 912.000
<b>200 CREEDMOOR NC</b>					
210	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	27522	CS 2,736.000
220	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	27522	CS 912.000
<b>230 SALISBURY NC</b>					
240	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	28147	CS 912.000
250	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	28147	CS 912.000

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<b>260 NEWARK NJ</b>						
270	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	07114	912.000	CS
<b>280 PIEDMONT SC</b>						
290	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	29673	912.000	CS
300	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	10/16/2023-10/31/2023	29673	912.000	CS
<b>310 MEMPHIS TN</b>						
320	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	38112	912.000	CS
330	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	38112	912.000	CS
340	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	03/16/2024-03/31/2024	38112	912.000	CS
<b>350 RICHMOND VA</b>						
360	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	23230	912.000	CS
<b>370 LOT: 31927318 BATON ROUGE LA / ST MAR..</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 31927318 BATON ROUGE LA / ST MARTINVILLE LA /						
380	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	70806	315.000	CS
390	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	70582	597.000	CS
<b>400 LOT: 96069148 JOHNSON CITY TN / CULPE..</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 96069148 JOHNSON CITY TN / CULPEPER VA / SUFFOLK VA /						
410	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	37601	330.000	CS
420	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	22701	228.000	CS
430	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	23435	354.000	CS
<b>440 LOT: 119812679 BATON ROUGE LA / MONRO..</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 119812679 BATON ROUGE LA / MONROE LA /						
450	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	10/16/2023-10/31/2023	70806	338.000	CS

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460	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	10/16/2023-10/31/2023	71203	574.000	CS
<b>470 LOT: 579547573 NEWARK NJ / VINELAND NJ /</b>						
480	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	07114	456.000	CS
490	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	08360	456.000	CS
<b>500 LOT: 642037348 ALEXANDRIA LA / BATON ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 642037348 ALEXANDRIA LA / BATON ROUGE LA /						
510	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	10/16/2023-10/31/2023	71301	677.000	CS
520	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	10/16/2023-10/31/2023	70806	235.000	CS
<b>530 LOT: 743210035 HOUSTON TX / SAN ANTON...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 743210035 HOUSTON TX / SAN ANTONIO TX /						
540	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	77095	432.000	CS
550	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	78211	480.000	CS
<b>Total Quantity for SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10</b>					<b>26,448.000</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>					<b>26,448.000</b>	<b>CS</b>



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