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Information

Description: 12-3J14-23-B-0408-0001
Bid invitation number: 2000009335
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 05/10/2023 16:00:00
Offer Due Date : 05/24/2023 13:00:00

Opening date: 05/24/2023 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Amendment Text :

(Amendment 0001)(05/11/2023)

--The purpose of this amendment is to accept the Crop Year 2022 for the material (110480-CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB). All other materials on this solicitation will only be accepted from crop year's 2023 and 2024 for deliveries made under the resulting contract.

Tendering text - Header :

Frozen Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO: 2000009335

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Frozen 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, June 7, 2023. Deliveries are to be made between August 1, 2023 through April 15, 2024.

The specialist for this solicitation is Claudius Price, Claudius.L.Price@usda.gov. The contracting officer for this solicitation is David C. Jackson, 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.

Pack Year: USDA will accept product produced in calendar year 2023 or 2024 for deliveries made under resulting contracts.

** For a new -to-USDA contractor and existing contractors who are bidding on new products, a probationary period will 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.**

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

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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 April 2023; the Commodity Specification for Frozen Vegetables dated March 2022; 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 . Commodity Spec Frz Veg Dated 3-2022
- 2 . MSCP-D 4-5-2023

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 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.

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
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10	VEGETABLE, FROZEN				
20	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB				
30	CEDAR FALLS IA				
40	110480 CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	50613	1,320.000	CS
50	LAS VEGAS NV				
60	110480 CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	89115	1,320.000	CS
70	110480 CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	89115	1,320.000	CS
80	110480 CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	12/01/2023-12/15/2023	89115	1,320.000	CS
90	110480 CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	89115	1,320.000	CS
100	110480 CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	89115	1,320.000	CS
110	HUNTINGDON PA				
120	110480 CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	16652	1,320.000	CS
130	LOT: 265031494 HOUSTON TX				
140	110480 CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	77067	583.000	CS
150	110480 CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	77095	737.000	CS
160	LOT: 290940122 CINCINNATI OH / CLEVEL..				
	Tendering text - Item : LOT: 290940122 CINCINNATI OH / CLEVELAND OH /				
170	110480 CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	45241	330.000	CS
180	110480 CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	44135	990.000	CS
190	LOT: 620647149 DENTON TX / HOUSTON TX /				
200	110480 CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	76207	411.000	CS
210	110480 CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	77067	584.000	CS
220	110480 CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	77095	325.000	CS
230	LOT: 902030402 HUNTINGDON PA / PHILAD...				

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Tendering text - Item : LOT: 902030402 HUNTINGDON PA / PHILADELPHIA PA /						
240	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	16652	660.000	CS
250	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	19129	660.000	CS
260 LOT: 2400000319 DENTON TX / LUBBOCK TX /						
270	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/16/2023-08/31/2023	76207	459.000	CS
280	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/16/2023-08/31/2023	79404	861.000	CS
Total Quantity for CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB					15,840.000	CS
290 PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB						
300 VAN BUREN AR						
310	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	72956	1,320.000	CS
320 TAUNTON MA						
330	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	02780	1,320.000	CS
340 CREEDMOOR NC						
350	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	27522	1,320.000	CS
360 NEWARK NJ						
370	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	07114	1,320.000	CS
380	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	07114	1,320.000	CS
390 VINELAND NJ						
400	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	08360	1,320.000	CS
410 HUNTINGDON PA						
420	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	16652	1,320.000	CS
430 PHILADELPHIA PA						
440	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	19129	1,320.000	CS
450 CRANSTON RI						
460	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/16/2023-11/30/2023	02920		CS

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					1,320.000		
470 LOT: 12397 TAUNTON MA / SYRACUSE NY /							
480	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	02780		CS	
					960.000		
490	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	13209		CS	
					360.000		
500 LOT: 440420386 NEWARK NJ / VINELAND NJ /							
510	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	07114		CS	
					660.000		
520	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	08360		CS	
					660.000		
530 LOT: 500802940 BATON ROUGE LA / ST MA...							
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 500802940 BATON ROUGE LA / ST MARTINVILLE LA /					
540	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	10/16/2023-10/31/2023	70806		CS	
					701.000		
550	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	10/16/2023-10/31/2023	70582		CS	
					619.000		
560 LOT: 853244672 ALEXANDRIA LA / BATON ...							
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 853244672 ALEXANDRIA LA / BATON ROUGE LA /					
570	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	71301		CS	
					342.000		
580	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	70806		CS	
					978.000		
590 LOT: 894963081 AUSTIN TX / DENTON TX ...							
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 894963081 AUSTIN TX / DENTON TX / HOUSTON TX /					
600	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	78744		CS	
					385.000		
610	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	76207		CS	
					330.000		
620	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	77095		CS	
					605.000		
		Total Quantity for PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB					CS
					18,480.000		
630 SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)							
640 GAITHERSBURG MD							

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
650	110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	20879	1,902.000	CS
660 EATONTOWN NJ						
670	110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	07724	1,902.000	CS
680 WAYNE NJ						
690	110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	07470	1,902.000	CS
700	110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	02/16/2024-02/29/2024	07470	1,902.000	CS
710	110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	07470	1,902.000	CS
720 BROOKLYN NY						
730	110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	11236	1,902.000	CS
740	110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	02/16/2024-02/29/2024	11236	1,902.000	CS
750	110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	11236	1,902.000	CS
760 DALLAS TX						
770	110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	75215	1,902.000	CS
780 LOT: 490811721 NEWARK NJ / VINELAND NJ /						
790	110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	07114	1,141.000	CS
800	110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	08360	761.000	CS
Total Quantity for SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)					19,020.000	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					53,340.000	CS

Amendment Details

Amendment : 12-3J14-23-B-0408-0001

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Action	Item	Material	Description	Type
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See comments in the amendment header text for specific details.



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