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Washington, DC 20036

## Information

Description: **12-3J14-23-B-0408**  
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:

#### 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 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

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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:**

- 1 . Commodity Spec Frz Veg Dated 3-2022
- 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 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](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		<b>VEGETABLE, FROZEN</b>			
20		<b>CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>			
30		<b>CEDAR FALLS IA</b>			
40	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	50613	CS

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
					1,320.000	
<b>50 LAS VEGAS NV</b>						
60	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	89115		CS
					1,320.000	
70	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	89115		CS
					1,320.000	
80	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	12/01/2023-12/15/2023	89115		CS
					1,320.000	
90	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	89115		CS
					1,320.000	
100	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	89115		CS
					1,320.000	
<b>110 HUNTINGDON PA</b>						
120	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	16652		CS
					1,320.000	
<b>130 LOT: 265031494 HOUSTON TX</b>						
140	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	77067		CS
					583.000	
150	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	77095		CS
					737.000	
<b>160 LOT: 290940122 CINCINNATI OH / CLEVEL..</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 290940122 CINCINNATI OH / CLEVELAND OH /						
170	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	45241		CS
					330.000	
180	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	44135		CS
					990.000	
<b>190 LOT: 620647149 DENTON TX / HOUSTON TX /</b>						
200	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	76207		CS
					411.000	
210	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	77067		CS
					584.000	
220	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	77095		CS
					325.000	
<b>230 LOT: 902030402 HUNTINGDON PA / PHILAD..</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 902030402 HUNTINGDON PA / PHILADELPHIA PA /						
240	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	16652		CS
					660.000	

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250	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	08/01/2023-08/15/2023	19129	660.000	CS
<b>260 LOT: 2400000319 DENTON TX / LUBBOCK TX /</b>						
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
<b>Total Quantity for CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>						CS
						15,840.000
<b>290 PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>						
<b>300 VAN BUREN AR</b>						
310	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	72956	1,320.000	CS
<b>320 TAUNTON MA</b>						
330	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	02780	1,320.000	CS
<b>340 CREEDMOOR NC</b>						
350	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	27522	1,320.000	CS
<b>360 NEWARK NJ</b>						
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
<b>390 VINELAND NJ</b>						
400	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	08360	1,320.000	CS
<b>410 HUNTINGDON PA</b>						
420	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	16652	1,320.000	CS
<b>430 PHILADELPHIA PA</b>						
440	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	19129	1,320.000	CS
<b>450 CRANSTON RI</b>						
460	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/16/2023-11/30/2023	02920	1,320.000	CS
<b>470 LOT: 12397 TAUNTON MA / SYRACUSE NY /</b>						
480	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	02780		CS

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					960.000		
490	110724	PEPPERS/ONION BLEND FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	13209		CS	
					360.000		
<b>500 LOT: 440420386 NEWARK NJ / VINELAND NJ /</b>							
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		
<b>530 LOT: 500802940 BATON ROUGE LA / ST MA...</b>							
		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		
<b>560 LOT: 853244672 ALEXANDRIA LA / BATON ...</b>							
		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		
<b>590 LOT: 894963081 AUSTIN TX / DENTON TX ...</b>							
		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		
<b>630 SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)</b>							
<b>640 GAITHERSBURG MD</b>							
650	110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	20879		CS	
					1,902.000		
<b>660 EATONTOWN NJ</b>							

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670	110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	07724	1,902.000	CS
<b>680 WAYNE NJ</b>						
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
<b>720 BROOKLYN NY</b>						
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
<b>760 DALLAS TX</b>						
770	110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	75215	1,902.000	CS
<b>780 LOT: 490811721 NEWARK NJ / VINELAND NJ /</b>						
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
		<b>Total Quantity for SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)</b>			<b>19,020.000</b>	<b>CS</b>
		<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>			<b>53,340.000</b>	<b>CS</b>



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