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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-23-B-0507**
Bid invitation number: **2000009469**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Domestic**

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Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 07/06/2023 13:00:00
Offer Due Date : 07/20/2023 13:00:00

Opening date: 07/20/2023 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Crackers, SOLICITATION 12-3J14-23-B-0507 WBSCM NO: 2000009469

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Crackers pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the domestic food distribution programs. Bids are due by 1pm CT on 07/20/2023. Acceptances will be announced by 5pm CT on 07/21/2023. Deliveries are to be made between October 01, 2023 through December 31, 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 subcontractors responsibility including Plant Sanitation and Food Defense surveys. The Contracting Officer will directly determine a prospective subcontractors 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. 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,

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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 quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated April 05, 2023 the Commodity Requirements Document for Crackers dated March 2020, 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 . Cracker Product Specifications
- 2 . Master Solicitation
- 3 . Bid Certification Questions

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 EAST POINT GA						
40	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	11/16/2023-11/30/2023	30344	22,680.000	LB
50 NAMPA ID						
60	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	10/16/2023-10/31/2023	83687	22,680.000	LB
70	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	12/01/2023-12/15/2023	83687	22,680.000	LB
80 BOSTON MA						
90	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	02118	22,680.000	LB
100 KANSAS CITY MO						
110	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	64161	22,680.000	LB
120	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	64161	22,680.000	LB
130	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	12/01/2023-12/15/2023	64161	22,680.000	LB
140 OFFSHORE: CAROLINA PR						
150	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	00982	22,680.000	LB
160 LOT: 8002 POCA WV / WESTON WV /						
170	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	25159	7,560.000	LB
180	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	10/01/2023-10/15/2023	26452	15,120.000	LB
190 LOT: 9002 POCA WV / WESTON WV /						
200	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	12/01/2023-12/15/2023	25159	7,560.000	LB
210	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	12/01/2023-12/15/2023	26452	15,120.000	LB
220 LOT: 412702541 BOSTON MA / HATFIELD MA /						
230	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	12/16/2023-12/31/2023	02118	11,340.000	LB
240	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	12/16/2023-12/31/2023	01038	11,340.000	LB

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Required by</u>	<u>ZipCode</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
		Total Quantity for	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16	OZ	249,480.000
					LB
		Total Quantity for Invitation			249,480.000
					LB



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 Contracting Officer
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