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## Information

Description: 12-3J14-23-B-0585  
Bid invitation number: 2000009563  
Purchasing Group: AMS-Domestic

## SOLICITATION Domestic Commodity Invitation

### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 08/31/2023 12:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 09/06/2023 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 09/06/2023 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

WILD RICE, SOLICITATION 12-3J14-23-B-0585, WBSCM NO: 2000009563

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to WILD RICE, Traditionally-harvested (WRTH) for USDA/Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations. AMS is seeking a total quantity of 30,000 pounds. WRTH procured under this Solicitation will be delivered to NW PARIS BROTHERS-MO 2200 and NW AMERICOLD-NAMPA 2300. The WRTH supplied under this Solicitation must be mechanically parched using only wood. The WRTH shall be in 25/1-pound packages. The WILD Rice shall be from Harvest year 2022. Bids are due by 1pm CT on September 06, 2023. Acceptances will be announced by 5pm CT on September 06, 2023 or NLT 5pm CT on September 11, 2023. Delivery period is for September 30, 2023.

#### NOTICE OF SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE

If specified in the solicitation, certain quantities are set aside exclusively for small business firms under the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631, et seq.). Bids received for these set-aside quantities from firms who are not small business concerns will not be considered.

#### NOTICE OF INDIAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 26.102 Policy (Policy) the Indian Incentive Program will apply. The Policy states:

#Indian organizations and Indian-owned economic enterprises shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in performing contracts awarded by Federal agencies. In fulfilling this requirement, the Indian Incentive Program allows an incentive payment equal to 5 percent of the amount paid to a subcontractor in performing the contract, if the contract so authorizes and the subcontractor is an Indian organization or Indian-owned economic enterprise.#

#### NAICS Codes/Size Standards:

See Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements-Domestic Programs(MSCP-D) at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/MSCP.pdf>

#### Commodity Requirements:

In accordance with WILD Rice Commercial Item Description A-A-20378 and the Wild Rice Commodity Requirements Document (WR2) the Wild Rice procured under this Solicitation shall be:

Type I or II: Wild rice (*Zizania palustris* L. or *Zizania aquatica*)

Growing condition 1: Lake and/or river grown

Harvesting a: Hand harvested

Processing 2): Mechanically parched

Note: WILD Rice that is mechanically parched shall be parched using only wood.

The Wild Rice Commercial Item Description is available at:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/CID%20Wild%20Rice.pdf>

The Wild Rice Commodity Requirements Document is available at:

[https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/WildRiceCommodityRequirementsDocument%28WR2%](https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/WildRiceCommodityRequirementsDocument%28WR2%2)

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**STORAGE:**

Wild Rice shall be stored in a freezer at temperatures not exceeding 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Wild Rice stored at an ambient temperature will not be warranted.

**QUALITY ASSURANCE:**

In accordance with Wild Rice Commercial Item Description A-A-20378 (CID) and the Wild Rice Commodity Requirements Document (WR2) the quality of the Wild Rice shall be assured by testing and a Certificate of Conformance.

In the Analytical Requirements of the CID replace Section 7 with:

Testing of the Wild Rice shall be completed in accordance with customary commercial practices.

In the Quality Assurance of the CID Section 10 the following applies:

Manufacturer#s/distributor#s certification:

The manufacturer/distributor must certify via a Certificate of Conformance or other adequate documentation (in accordance with customary commercial practices) that the Wild Rice distributed meets or exceeds the requirements of this CID.

Contractors shall notify the Government immediately of lots that fail to meet contract requirements.

**WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS:**

The permissible variation shall be limited to 0.5% decrease. This decrease shall apply to the WBSCM Purchase Order item quantity (i.e. net weight).

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.

This solicitation is subject to a 30% Partial Small Business set aside. Bids received for these set-aside quantities from firms who are not small business concerns will not be considered. In the event the Government is unsuccessful in contracting with an eligible small business concern(s) for the set-aside quantities, the Government may award the quantities to other than small business concerns. 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, contain the DUNS number for the product manufacturer, be on the product manufacturer's company letterhead, and be signed by both parties.

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

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solicitation. Once connected, follow the online procedures.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated April 5, 2023, the Commodity Requirements Document for Rice dated October 2019, 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 :**

Please answer all Bid Certification Questions. Please utilize the attached Bid Certification Questions document when answering.

**See attached documents:**

- 1 . Wild Rice CRD
- 2 . Master Solicitation
- 3 . Bid Certification Questions
- 4 . Wild Rice CID

**Attributes :**

1. System for Award Management (SAM).
2. System for Award Management (SAM) - changes to this Solicitation.
3. Amendment to Solicitation.
4. 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
5. Brand name and pack size
6. Supplier Agreements:
  - Permitted values:
    - YES
    - NO
    - N/A
- 6a. Supplier Agreement-Capability Requirements
  - Permitted values:
    - YES
    - NO
    - NOT APPLICABLE
7. Commodity Specifications
8. Offeror Contact information
- 8a. Emergency Point of Contact

**Bid invitation Item details**

Item Material Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
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	<b>Item Material Description</b>	<b>Required by</b>	<b>ZipCode</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>RICE, WILD</b>				
<b>20</b>	<b>RICE WILD PKG-25/1 LB</b>				
<b>30</b>	<b>LOT: 20230830 Nampa ID / Kansas City ...</b>				
	<b>Tendering text - Item : LOT: 20230830 Nampa ID / Kansas City MO /</b>				
<b>40</b>	<b>110830 RICE WILD PKG-25/1 LB</b>	<b>09/16/2023-09/30/2023</b>	<b>83687</b>	<b>10,000.000</b>	<b>LB</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>110830 RICE WILD PKG-25/1 LB</b>	<b>09/16/2023-09/30/2023</b>	<b>64161</b>	<b>20,000.000</b>	<b>LB</b>
	<b>Total Quantity for RICE WILD PKG-25/1 LB</b>			<b>30,000.000</b>	<b>LB</b>
	<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>			<b>30,000.000</b>	<b>LB</b>



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