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Information

Description: 12-3J14-24-B-0020
Bid invitation number: 2000009642
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

SOLICITATION Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 10/26/2023 10:30:00
Offer Due Date : 11/09/2023 13:00:00

Opening date: 11/09/2023 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Frozen Fruit, SOLICITATION NO: 2000009642

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Frozen Fruit 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, November 23, 2023. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2024 thru March 31, 2024.

The Specialist for this solicitation is Suzette Offer (suzette.offer@usda.gov) and the Contracting Officer is David Jackson (davidc.jackson@usda.gov). Any questions or concern regarding this solicitation should be addressed to the specialist first.

As a result of the Checkloading Phase Out Program, the requirements for check loading Frozen Fruit by USDA inspectors outlined in the attached Commodity Specifications are No Longer applicable. Note-Checkloading may still be performed on all, or part of the deliveries at the request and expense of the contractor; however, it is not required for Frozen Fruit awarded under this solicitation. Also, SCI will conduct periodic verifications of the vendors commercial practices to ensure they meet the contractual requirements.

SET ASIDE:

110623,,BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB - SB 50%

110624,,BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB - SB 70%

100243 BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB, Small Business 100%, SDVOB 10%

100242,,BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB - SB 100%

USDA will acceptable crop years 2022 and 2023.

** 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 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.**

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 Fruit dated February 2022 for 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 . CommoditySpecificationforFrozenFruitFebruary2022
- 2 . MSCP-D (04-05-2023)

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).

IS THE OFFEROR AN ENTITY THAT HAS FILED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION IN ONE OF THE FIFTY STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR THE VARIOUS TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES? YOU MUST ANSWER THE NEXT 3 QUESTIONS IF THE ANSWER FOR THIS QUESTION IS YES.

HAS THE OFFEROR BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

HAS THE OFFEROR HAD ANY OFFICER OR AGENT OF OFFEROR CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION FOR ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF OFFEROR UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

DOES THE OFFEROR HAVE ANY UNPAID FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY ASSESSED, WHICH ALL JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED/LAPSED, THAT IS NOT BEING PAID IN A TIMELY MANNER PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT WITH THE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING IT?

Offeror acknowledges receipt of the amendment(s) to the solicitation. Select N/A if no amendment was issued to the solicitation.

- Permitted values:
- Yes

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- No
- N/A

Offeror certifies that this offer is compliant with FAR 52.204-25 and does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services.

Offeror certifies that this offer is compliant with FAR 52.204-25 and will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation.

1A) Offeror has reviewed the List of Required Products for GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN) Reporting located at:

Permitted values: - NO
 - YES

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 than December 31, 2021, 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.

Bid invitation Item details

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
10		FRUIT, FROZEN			
20		BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB			
30		ONTARIO CA			
40	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	91761	CS 1,320.000
50		WRIGHT CITY MO			
60	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	63390	CS 2,640.000
70		MCALESTER OK			
80	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	74501	CS 1,320.000
90		HUNTINGDON PA			
100	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	16652	CS 1,320.000
110		LOT: 420502754 GRAND ISLAND NE / OMAH...			
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 420502754 GRAND ISLAND NE / OMAHA NE /			
120	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	68803	CS

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
					990.000	
130	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	68112		CS
					330.000	
		Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB				CS
					7,920.000	
140 BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB						
150 AUSTIN TX						
160	110624	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	78704		CS
					1,320.000	
170 GARLAND TX						
180	110624	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	75040		CS
					1,320.000	
190 LOT: 862439749 EAU CLAIRE WI / MADISO...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 862439749 EAU CLAIRE WI / MADISON WI /						
200	110624	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	54703		CS
					480.000	
210	110624	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	53716		CS
					840.000	
		Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB				CS
					3,960.000	
220 BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB						
230 SOMERSET NJ						
240	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	08873		CS
					1,320.000	
250	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	08873		CS
					1,320.000	
260 HUNTINGDON PA						
270	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	16652		CS
					1,320.000	
280 DENTON TX						
290	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	76207		CS
					1,320.000	
300 HOUSTON TX						
310	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	77095		CS
					1,320.000	
320	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	02/16/2024-02/29/2024	77095		CS
					1,320.000	

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
330 LOT: 100778985 COLUMBUS OH / IMPERIAL...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 100778985 COLUMBUS OH / IMPERIAL PA /						
340	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	43204	990.000	CS
350	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	15126	330.000	CS
360 LOT: 2201934307 HUNTINGDON PA / PHILA...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 2201934307 HUNTINGDON PA / PHILADELPHIA PA /						
370	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	16652	660.000	CS
380	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	19129	660.000	CS
390 LOT: 2400001692 AUSTIN TX / SAN ANTON...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 2400001692 AUSTIN TX / SAN ANTONIO TX /						
400	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	78744	990.000	CS
410	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	78227	330.000	CS
420 LOT: 2400001694 EL PASO TX / LUBBOCK ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 2400001694 EL PASO TX / LUBBOCK TX /						
430	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	79927	865.000	CS
440	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	79404	455.000	CS
Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB					13,200.000	CS
450 BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB						
460 SACRAMENTO CA						
470	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	95814	1,440.000	CS
480 BOCA RATON FL						
490	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	33487	1,440.000	CS
500 JACKSONVILLE FL						
510	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	32254	1,440.000	CS
520 PIEDMONT SC						

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530	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	29673	1,440.000	CS
540 HOUSTON TX						
550	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	77095	1,440.000	CS
560	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	77095	1,440.000	CS
570 BALDWIN WI						
580	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	54002	1,440.000	CS
590 LOT: 12479 TAUNTON MA						
600	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	02780	720.000	CS
610	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	02780	720.000	CS
620 LOT: 495748459 BAKERSFIELD CA / POMON...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 495748459 BAKERSFIELD CA / POMONA CA /						
630	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	93301	932.000	CS
640	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	91767	508.000	CS
650 LOT: 773612233 SAN ANTONIO TX						
660	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	78249	720.000	CS
670	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	78250	720.000	CS
680 LOT: 4536289820 BRIGHTON CO / LAKEWOO...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 4536289820 BRIGHTON CO / LAKEWOOD CO /						
690	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	80603	720.000	CS
700	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	80235	720.000	CS
Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB						CS
					15,840.000	
710 BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-20/1 LB						
720 KANSAS CITY MO						
730	111465	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-20/1 LB	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	64161	2,000.000	CS

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Item Material Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-20/1 LB			2,000.000	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation			42,920.000	CS



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