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Information

Description: 12-3J14-24-B-0035
Bid invitation number: 2000009661
Purchasing Group: AMS-Livestock

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 10/24/2023 16:00:00
Offer Due Date : 10/30/2023 13:00:00

Opening date: 10/30/2023 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

FROZEN BEEF PRODUCTS (Type 1), SOLICITATION 2000009661 WBSCM NO: 12-3J14-24-B-0035

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Frozen Beef Products pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the domestic food distribution programs. Bids are due by 1pm CT on October 28, 2023.

Acceptances will be announced no later than midnight, November 01, 2023. Deliveries are to be made between November 16, 2023 through November 30, 2023.

The Contract Specialist for this solicitation is Adele L. Jackson-Croal, Adele.L.Croal@usda.gov and the Contracting Officer is LaShawne Brown, LaShawne.Brown@usda.gov. Any questions or concerns regarding this solicitation should be addressed to the specialist first.

This Solicitation identifies line items that are Coarse Ground Beef for Further Processing into Fully Cooked Items - Type 1, which will determine the level of microbial testing required. Please review Sections 320.8.1 and 321.6 for Type 1 of Supplement 211, dated March 2023 for more information.

This Solicitation is a thirty (30%) Small Business Set-Aside - See FAR 52.219-6 Notice of Small Business Set-Aside. NAICS Code 311611- Business size 1,000 employees or less apply to this requirement.

This Solicitation is a ten percent (10%) Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Set-Aside.

* * For a new -to-USDA contractor and existing contractors 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 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 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. Offshore destination ports: Guam (O-LA; Los Angeles, CA), Hawaii (O-LA;

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Los Angeles, CA), Puerto Rico (O-JACK; Jacksonville, FL) and Virgin Islands (O-PEVE; Port Everglades, FL).

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.

The Government reserves the right to reject, in total or in part, manufacturers lots, sub-lots, production dates or the like when non-conforming product is identified.

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, must 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.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. 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.

NOTE: All fees associated with microbial testing for boneless beef and ground beef items and fat analysis for ground beef products will be paid by AMS. Offers must be submitted electronically via the Web-Based Supply Chain Management System (WBSCM).

Inquiries about the AMS Master Solicitation, dated April 2023, Supplement 211 to AMS Master Solicitation, dated March 2023, 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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See attached documents:

- 1 . AMS MASTER SOLICITATION - APRIL 2023
- 2 . Supplement 211 Ground Beef - March 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.

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 - No
 - N/A

FOR 8(A) VENDORS ONLY: Please specify the material(s) and material number(s) that you are interested in participating on this solicitation.

OFFEROR CERTIFIES THAT A FOOD DEFENSE PLAN EXISTS FOR ALL PLANTS AND SHIPPING POINTS PRIOR TO BID OPENING

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

Permitted values: - YES
 - NO

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		BEEF, GROUND			
20		BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB			
30		VERNON CA			
40	100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/16/2023-11/30/2023	90058	84,000.000 LB
Total Quantity for BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB					84,000.000 LB
Total Quantity for Invitation					84,000.000 LB



**Contracting Officer
 Commodity Procurement Division
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