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## Information

Description: 12-3J14-24-B-0041  
Bid invitation number: 2000009667  
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 10/27/2023 11:35:00  
Offer Due Date : 11/10/2023 15:00:00  
  
Opening date: 11/10/2023 15:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

Canned Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO: 2000009667

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Canned 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, November 16, 2023. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024.

The specialist for this solicitation is Blanca Ochoa; blanca.ochoa2@usda.gov. The contracting officer for this solicitation is Kelli Dawkins; kelli.dawkins@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.

"Please note the MSCP has been updated as of 04/05/23. Please review the attached MSCP dated 04/05/23 for changes."

#The following deviation to the Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetable # January 2023 is incorporated into this contract.

\*\*\* Hominy 12/300 can size Sodium content - USDA will accept regular sodium variety\*\*\*

\*\*\* 100316 - Sweet Potatoes w/ Syrup Can-24/300 is 100% Small Business Set-Aside\*\*\*  
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There is a probationary period for new-to-AMS contractors and existing contractors bidding on new products in which awards may be limited to 10 truckloads per product. Contractor must demonstrate successful delivery of at least five (5) truckloads of [new] 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.

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.

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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 5, 2023; Specification for Canned Vegetables dated January 2023; 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:**

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- 1 . Commodity Specifications Canned Vegetables Jan 2023
- 2 . MSCP-D 4-5-2023

**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).

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

- Permitted values:
- N/A
  - NO
  - YES

[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

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- No
- N/A

**Bid invitation Item details**

	Item	Material Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
<b>10</b>	<b>VEGETABLE, CANNED</b>					
<b>20</b>	<b>HOMINY CAN#12/300</b>					
<b>30</b>	<b>NAMPA ID</b>					
40	111380	HOMINY CAN#12/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	83687	3,060.000	CS
<b>50</b>	<b>KANSAS CITY MO</b>					
60	111380	HOMINY CAN#12/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	64161	3,060.000	CS
70	111380	HOMINY CAN#12/300	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	64161	3,060.000	CS
<b>Total Quantity for HOMINY CAN#12/300</b>					<b>9,180.000</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>80</b>	<b>SPINACH CAN-24/300</b>					
<b>90</b>	<b>LONG BEACH CA</b>					
100	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/16/2024-03/31/2024	90813	1,615.000	CS
<b>110</b>	<b>RIVERSIDE CA</b>					
120	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	92504	1,615.000	CS
<b>130</b>	<b>SAN BERNARDINO CA</b>					
140	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	92415	1,615.000	CS
<b>150</b>	<b>SAN DIEGO CA</b>					
160	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	92121	1,615.000	CS
<b>170</b>	<b>EAST POINT GA</b>					
180	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	30344	1,615.000	CS
<b>190</b>	<b>SPRINGFIELD IL</b>					
200	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	62703	1,615.000	CS
<b>210</b>	<b>NEW ORLEANS LA</b>					
220	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/16/2024-03/31/2024	70123		CS

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					1,615.000	
<b>230 DETROIT MI</b>						
240	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	48238		CS
					3,230.000	
250	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/16/2024-03/31/2024	48238		CS
					1,615.000	
<b>260 BRENTWOOD NY</b>						
270	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	11717		CS
					1,615.000	
280	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/16/2024-02/29/2024	11717		CS
					1,615.000	
290	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/16/2024-03/31/2024	11717		CS
					1,615.000	
<b>300 HUNTINGDON PA</b>						
310	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	16652		CS
					8,075.000	
<b>320 PHILADELPHIA PA</b>						
330	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	19129		CS
					3,230.000	
<b>340 SALEM VA</b>						
350	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	24153		CS
					1,615.000	
<b>360 LOT: 75591961 DETROIT MI / FLINT MI /...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 75591961 DETROIT MI / FLINT MI / WESTLAND MI /						
370	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	48238		CS
					442.000	
380	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	48507		CS
					850.000	
390	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	48186		CS
					323.000	
<b>400 LOT: 177385641 BETHEL HEIGHTS AR / LI...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 177385641 BETHEL HEIGHTS AR / LITTLE ROCK AR / MOUNTAIN HOME AR /						
410	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	72764		CS
					500.000	
420	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	72209		CS
					615.000	

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430	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	72653	500.000	CS
<b>440 LOT: 286744291 JONESBORO AR / LITTLE ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 286744291 JONESBORO AR / LITTLE ROCK AR /						
450	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	72404	805.000	CS
460	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	72209	810.000	CS
<b>470 LOT: 389706927 HAMPTON VA / NORFOLK VA /</b>						
480	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	23661	805.000	CS
490	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	23504	810.000	CS
<b>500 LOT: 434321909 LAREDO TX / VICTORIA TX /</b>						
510	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	78040	808.000	CS
520	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	77901	807.000	CS
<b>530 LOT: 925441827 MOUNTAIN HOME AR / VAN...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 925441827 MOUNTAIN HOME AR / VAN BUREN AR /						
540	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/16/2024-02/29/2024	72653	500.000	CS
550	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/16/2024-02/29/2024	72956	1,115.000	CS
<b>1020 NAMPA ID</b>						
1030	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	83687	3,230.000	CS
1040	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	83687	1,615.000	CS
1050	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	83687	1,615.000	CS
<b>1060 KANSAS CITY MO</b>						
1070	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	64161	1,615.000	CS
1080	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	64161	1,615.000	CS
1090	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	64161		CS

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					3,230.000	
1100	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/16/2024-02/29/2024	64161		CS
					1,615.000	
1110	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	64161		CS
					1,615.000	
1120	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/16/2024-03/31/2024	64161		CS
					3,230.000	
<b>1130 SYRACUSE NY</b>						
1140	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	13209		CS
					3,230.000	
1150	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	13209		CS
					4,845.000	
1160	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/16/2024-02/29/2024	13209		CS
					4,845.000	
1170	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	13209		CS
					4,845.000	
1180	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/16/2024-03/31/2024	13209		CS
					3,230.000	
<b>Total Quantity for SPINACH CAN-24/300</b>						CS
						83,980.000
<b>560 SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300</b>						
<b>570 BAKER LA</b>						
580	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	70714		CS
					1,530.000	
<b>590 DELHI LA</b>						
600	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	71232		CS
					1,530.000	
<b>610 NEW ORLEANS LA</b>						
620	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	70126		CS
					1,530.000	
630	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	70126		CS
					1,530.000	
<b>640 KANSAS CITY MO</b>						
650	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	64161		CS
					1,530.000	
660	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	64161		CS
					1,530.000	

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670	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	02/16/2024-02/29/2024	64161	1,530.000	CS
680	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	03/16/2024-03/31/2024	64161	1,530.000	CS
<b>690 CREEDMOOR NC</b>						
700	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	02/16/2024-02/28/2024	27522	1,530.000	CS
<b>710 BRENTWOOD NY</b>						
720	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	11717	1,530.000	CS
730	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	11717	1,530.000	CS
740	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	11717	1,530.000	CS
<b>750 LOT: 271219190 DELMONT PA / ERIE PA / ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 271219190 DELMONT PA / ERIE PA / GREENSBURG PA /						
760	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	15626	241.000	CS
770	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	16501	403.000	CS
780	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	15601	886.000	CS
<b>790 LOT: 325709782 PHOENIX AZ / TUCSON AZ /</b>						
800	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	85009	765.000	CS
810	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	85713	765.000	CS
<b>820 LOT: 389322226 BENTON HARBOR MI / CLA...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 389322226 BENTON HARBOR MI / CLARE MI /						
830	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	02/16/2024-02/29/2024	49022	765.000	CS
840	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	02/16/2024-02/29/2024	48617	765.000	CS
<b>850 LOT: 437906412 CADILLAC MI / DETROIT ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 437906412 CADILLAC MI / DETROIT MI /						
860	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	02/16/2024-02/28/2024	49601	765.000	CS



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870	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	02/16/2024-02/28/2024	48238	765.000	CS
<b>880 LOT: 443014379 HARRISBURG PA / NAZARE..</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 443014379 HARRISBURG PA / NAZARETH PA / READING PA /						
890	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	17109	890.000	CS
900	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	18064	336.000	CS
910	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	19608	304.000	CS
<b>920 LOT: 483780385 PHILADELPHIA PA / YORK..</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 483780385 PHILADELPHIA PA / YORK PA /						
930	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	19129	900.000	CS
940	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	19148	396.000	CS
950	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	17406	234.000	CS
<b>960 LOT: 576345153 AMARILLO TX / LUBBOCK ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 576345153 AMARILLO TX / LUBBOCK TX /						
970	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	79102	765.000	CS
980	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	79404	765.000	CS
<b>990 LOT: 950576519 CARO MI / FLINT MI /</b>						
1000	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	48723	765.000	CS
1010	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	48507	765.000	CS
<b>Total Quantity for SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300</b>					<b>30,600.000</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>					<b>123,760.000</b>	<b>CS</b>



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