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**Information**  
Description: 12-3J14-24-B-0084-0001  
Bid invitation number: 2000009713  
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

**SOLICITATION**  
**Domestic Commodity Invitation**

**Bid invitation Overview**

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 11/17/2023 08:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 11/30/2023 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 11/30/2023 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

**Additional requested information:**

**Amendment Text :**

(Amendment1)-(11/22/2023)- This modification is issued to include the the pack size:  
The master pack should contain a carton of 10/5 pound poly bags of potatoes. SEE COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS

Potatoes

- 1. Grade - U.S. No. 1.
- 2. Washed.
- 3. Pack Size Requirement #
  - a. 50 pounds cartons, size 100 or 110
  - b. 50-pound paper bags, size A except, 2 inch minimum or 4 ounce minimum and contain at least 40 percent which are 2 ½ inches in diameter or larger or 6 ounces in weight or more
  - c. 10/5-pound bags, size A except, 2 inch minimum or 4 ounce minimum and contain at least 40 percent which are 2 ½ inches in diameter or larger or 6 ounces in weight or more.
- 4. Packing shall be at least fairly tight or fairly well filled.

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**Tendering text - Header :**

Fresh Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO: 2000009713

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh 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, December 13, 2023. Deliveries are to be made between January 10, 2024 through June 26, 2024.

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh vegetables are required to undergo and pass the USDA AMS SCP Specialty Crop Inspection Division (SCID) Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices (GHP) verification audits, and must score at least 80% on each of the following scopes for each product being offered:

GAP - Farm Review AND Field Harvesting & Field Packing Activities

GHP - House Packing Facility AND Storage & Transportation

All these requirements must be met PRIOR to the bid opening date.

Brokers are exempt from the USDA GAP/GHP requirements themselves, HOWEVER suppliers/subcontractors performing under the contract must have the applicable USDA GAP/GHP certification(s). Verification audits shall be performed by the USDA, AMS, SCP-SCID representatives only.

\*\*\*\*\*100% Small Business Set-Aside\*\*\*\*\*  
SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG 12/3 LB  
POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB  
POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB  
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Pack Year: USDA will accept product produced in calendar years 2023 and 2024 for deliveries made under resulting contracts.

The inspection for this award will be performed at destination.

In order to be found responsive the contractor and/or its subcontractors/suppliers must be compliance with USDA GAP/GHP certification. Offerors must include in their bid the GAP and GHP Audit Verification Document, which is found in the attachments section of this solicitation. Offerors who do not complete this document in its entirety, do not include the document as an attachment to their bid, or are missing the required USDA GAP/GHP scopes listed above must be deemed nonresponsive.

Inspection must be performed by SCI Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service only. Inspections under the Partners in Quality (PIQ) and Customer Assisted Inspection Program (CAIP) programs are not accepted for Commodity Procurement purchases.

All audits are valid for one year after the date the audit was conducted. More information on USDA GAP/GHP audits can be found here: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/gap-ghp> or by reaching out to [scaudits@usda.gov](mailto:scaudits@usda.gov)

Awardees may ship and supply from any location found here:

<https://apps.ams.usda.gov/GAPGHP/reportG01.aspx>

If USDA/AMS finds that suppliers used by the contractor are not in compliance with AMS GAP/GHP certification requirements after the product is delivered, the following courses of action will apply:

1. A cure notice shall be issued informing the contractor of their failure to comply with the required elements of this solicitation. The USDA will then deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries shipped or invoiced prior to the date listed on the cure notice.
2. If the contractor ships noncompliant product after the date of the cure notice:
  - a. USDA/AMS will deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries;
  - b. The contract will be terminated for cause; and
  - c. The contractor will be suspended from participating in all future USDA/AMS fresh fruit and vegetable solicitations for a period of one year from the date of contract termination.

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.

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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 November 2023; The Commodity Specification for Fresh Vegetables; 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:**

- 1 . GAP and GHP Audit Verification Document
- 2 . Commodity Specification for Fresh Vegetables
- 3 . MSCP-D 11-7-2023

**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.

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- 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 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.

[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).

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
  - No
  - N/A

**Bid invitation Item details**

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
<b>10</b>		<b>VEGETABLE, FRESH</b>				
<b>20</b>		<b>POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB</b>				
<b>30</b>		<b>EXETER CA</b>				
40	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/12/2024-02/14/2024	93221	800.000	CS
<b>50</b>		<b>LAS VEGAS NV</b>				
60	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/24/2024-06/26/2024	89030	800.000	CS
<b>70</b>		<b>SALEM VA</b>				
80	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH	02/12/2024-02/14/2024	24153		CS

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		BAG-10/5 LB			800.000
<b>90 LOT: 649487096 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORL...</b>					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 649487096 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /					
100	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/03/2024-06/05/2024	70505	CS 400.000
110	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/03/2024-06/05/2024	70123	CS 400.000
<b>120 LOT: 940155995 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORL...</b>					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 940155995 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /					
130	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/01/2024-04/03/2024	70505	CS 400.000
140	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/01/2024-04/03/2024	70123	CS 400.000
Total Quantity for POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB					CS 4,000.000
<b>150 POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB</b>					
<b>160 EXETER CA</b>					
170	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/01/2024-04/03/2024	93221	CS 800.000
<b>180 IMPERIAL CA</b>					
190	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/04/2024-03/06/2024	92251	CS 800.000
<b>200 INDIO CA</b>					
210	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/05/2024-02/07/2024	92201	CS 800.000
<b>220 MERCED CA</b>					
230	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/05/2024-02/07/2024	95348	CS 800.000
240	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/24/2024-06/26/2024	95348	CS 800.000
<b>250 SAN DIEGO CA</b>					
260	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/04/2024-03/06/2024	92121	CS 800.000
270	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/11/2024-03/13/2024	92121	CS 800.000
<b>280 EAST POINT GA</b>					

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290	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/08/2024-01/10/2024	30344	800.000	CS
300	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/22/2024-01/24/2024	30344	800.000	CS
<b>310 DAVENPORT IA</b>						
320	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/26/2024-02/28/2024	52802	800.000	CS
<b>330 GENEVA IL</b>						
340	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/05/2024-02/07/2024	60134	800.000	CS
<b>350 ALEXANDRIA LA</b>						
360	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/22/2024-01/24/2024	71301	800.000	CS
<b>370 CLARE MI</b>						
380	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/22/2024-01/24/2024	48617	800.000	CS
<b>390 LAS VEGAS NV</b>						
400	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/22/2024-04/24/2024	89030	800.000	CS
<b>410 CLEVELAND OH</b>						
420	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/08/2024-01/10/2024	44110	800.000	CS
430	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/04/2024-03/06/2024	44110	800.000	CS
<b>440 LOT: 134808629 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORL...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 134808629 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /						
450	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/04/2024-03/06/2024	70505	400.000	CS
460	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/04/2024-03/06/2024	70123	400.000	CS
<b>470 LOT: 214517268 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSO...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 214517268 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSON MS /						
480	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/03/2024-06/05/2024	38606	200.000	CS
490	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/03/2024-06/05/2024	39201	600.000	CS
<b>500 LOT: 306617699 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSO...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 306617699 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSON MS /						

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510	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	05/06/2024-05/08/2024	38606	200.000	CS
520	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	05/06/2024-05/08/2024	39201	600.000	CS
<b>530 LOT: 564032821 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSO...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 564032821 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSON MS /						
540	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/24/2024-06/26/2024	38606	200.000	CS
550	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/24/2024-06/26/2024	39201	600.000	CS
<b>560 LOT: 729474205 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSO...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 729474205 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSON MS /						
570	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/08/2024-04/10/2024	38606	200.000	CS
580	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/08/2024-04/10/2024	39201	600.000	CS
<b>590 LOT: 765096335 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORL...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 765096335 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /						
600	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/08/2024-01/10/2024	70505	400.000	CS
610	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/08/2024-01/10/2024	70123	400.000	CS
<b>620 LOT: 823342650 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSO...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 823342650 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSON MS /						
630	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/22/2024-04/24/2024	38606	200.000	CS
640	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/22/2024-04/24/2024	39201	600.000	CS
<b>Total Quantity for POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB</b>					<b>18,400.000</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>650 SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB</b>						
<b>660 SAN DIEGO CA</b>						
670	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	01/08/2024-01/10/2024	92121	1,000.000	CS
680	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	04/01/2024-04/03/2024	92121	1,000.000	CS
690	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	04/08/2024-04/10/2024	92121	1,000.000	CS

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<b>700 BALTIMORE MD</b>						
710	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	01/29/2024-01/31/2024	21227		CS
					1,000.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB</b>				CS
					4,000.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>				CS
					26,400.000	

**Amendment Details**

Amendment : 12-3J14-24-B-0084-0001

Date : 11/22/2023

Action	Item	Material	Description	Type
		Field	Old Value	New Value
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See comments in the amendment header text for specific details.



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