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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-24-B-0099**
Bid invitation number: **2000009731**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Domestic**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 11/28/2023 13:00:00
Offer Due Date : 12/12/2023 13:00:00

Opening date: 12/12/2023 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Crackers, SOLICITATION 12-3J14-24-B-0099 WBSCM NO: 2000009731

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Crackers pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the domestic food distribution programs. Bids are due by 1pm CT on December 12, 2023. Acceptances will be announced by 5pm CT on December 22, 2023. Deliveries are to be made between February 01, 2024 through March 31, 2024.

This acquisition is Unrestricted.

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.

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, be on the product manufacturer's company letterhead, and be signed by both parties.

A prospective contractor will be required to provide written evidence of a proposed subcontractors responsibility including Plant Sanitation and Food Defense surveys. The Contracting Officer will directly determine a prospective subcontractors responsibility, per FAR 9.104-4.

The Government will award contracts to eligible HUBZone bidders as provided in the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements, Part II, Section C: 4A52.219-2 The HUBZone Program. If the bidder elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its bid. The CID references two different manufacturing processes for a similar type of cracker (soda vs saltine), USDA Commodity Procurement has the option to allow both with purchasing this product.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

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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.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated November 07, 2023 the Commodity Requirements Document for Crackers dated March 2020, 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 :

All Bid Certification Questions must be answered. Please utilize the attached Bid Certification Questions document when answering questions.

See attached documents:

- 1 . Cracker CRD
- 2 . MASTER SOLICITATION
- 3 . Bid Certification Questions

Attributes :

1. SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM).
 - 1a. System for Award Management (SAM)-changes to this solicitation
2. Amendment to Solicitation
3. 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
4. Brand name and pack size
5. Plant locations for all items has been verified pursuant to the Place of Performance-Sealed Bidding?
6. Supplier Agreements:
 - Permitted values:
 - YES
 - NO
 - N/A
- 6a. Supplier Agreement-Capability Requirements
7. Commodity Specifications
8. Offeror Contact Information
 - 8a. Emergency Point of Contact
9. GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN)
10. Food Safety Modernization Act
11. Offeror requests HUBZONE Small Business Price Evaluation Preference

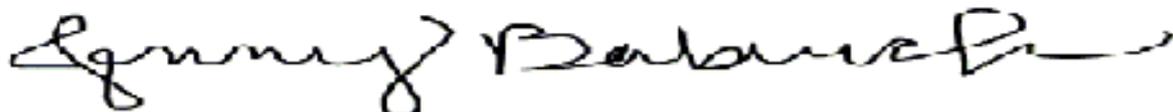
Bid invitation Item details

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10		CRACKER PROD, PROC				
20		CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ				
30		INDUSTRY CA				
40	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	02/16/2024-02/29/2024	90601	22,680.000	LB
50		SAN BERNARDINO CA				
60	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	03/16/2024-03/31/2024	92415	22,680.000	LB
70		NAMPA ID				
80	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	83687	22,680.000	LB
90		KANSAS CITY MO				
100	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	64161	22,680.000	LB
110		LOT: 108407167 COLORADO SPRING CO / P..				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 108407167 COLORADO SPRING CO / PUEBLO CO /				
120	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	03/16/2024-03/31/2024	80915	17,004.000	LB
130	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	03/16/2024-03/31/2024	81001	5,676.000	LB
140		LOT: 450294772 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TUL..				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 450294772 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TULSA OK /				
150	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	73179	13,608.000	LB
160	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	74106	9,072.000	LB
170		LOT: 812518580 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TUL..				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 812518580 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TULSA OK /				
180	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	03/16/2024-03/31/2024	73179	13,608.000	LB
190	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	03/16/2024-03/31/2024	74106	9,072.000	LB
		Total Quantity for CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ			158,760.000	LB
		Total Quantity for Invitation			158,760.000	LB



Contracting Officer
 Commodity Procurement Division
 United States Department of Agriculture