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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-24-B-0244**
Bid invitation number: **2000009895**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION

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Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 02/09/2024 14:50:00
Offer Due Date : 02/23/2024 13:00:00

Opening date: 02/23/2024 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Master

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

CCC Frozen Fruit, Solicitation NO: 2000009895

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.

Important Dates

Bids are due on the #Offer Due Date, which is also referred to as the #Opening Date#. Late bids will not be considered.

Acceptances will be announced by midnight, March 1, 2024. Successful vendors will be notified via WBSCM.

Unsuccessful vendors will not be notified directly. A GovDelivery notice with the award announcement information will be sent on or around the award date.

Deliveries are to be made between July 1, 2024 and November 30, 2024.

The USDA intends to purchase a minimum of 200 trucks with a maximum of 240 trucks.

Strawberries used for this purchase must be from the 2023 or newer crop year.

Point of Contact

The Specialist for this solicitation is Kimberly Mason, kimberly.mason2@usda.gov and the Contracting Officer is Samantha Klagenberg, samantha.klagenberg@usda.gov. Any questions or concern regarding this solicitation should be addressed to the specialist first. Do not discuss your bid prices with the specialist or contracting officer before award.

Reminder of Certain Requirements

A) Bidder should:

- 1) Be in active status in SAM.gov
- 2) Be active in WBSCM with the required bidder roles
- 3) Be a qualified bidder with the Agricultural Marketing Service
- 4) List at least one compliant shipping point AND plant with their bid in WBSCM

The incorporated terms of any subsequent contract and obligations for both the awardee and Government can be found in:

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- 1) The tendering text of this solicitation
- 2) The AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurement # Domestic Programs, often referred to as the #MSCP# (attached to this solicitation in WBSCM)
- 3) The applicable Commodity Specifications (attached to this solicitation in WBSCM)
- 4) Fruit Invitation for Bids (IFB) IDIQ.docx (attached)

SOLICITATION-SPECIFIC DETAILS

All offerors should reference the Fruit Invitation for Bids (IFB) IDIQ 2000009895 document attached to the solicitation for more information.

CONSTRAINTS

If applicable, constraints must be entered in truckloads NOT cases, pounds, etc. Constraints may overlap by product and delivery window. If an offeror has no constraints for a given product, they are not required to enter constraints.

ATTRIBUTE QUESTIONS

Questions must be answered accurately, in full, and with the most up-to-date information.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES

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

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

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.

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.

Inquiries about the attached Master Solicitation and Commodity Specification, or this solicitation should be directed to the Contract Specialist and/or 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. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated November 7, 2023 the Commodity Specification for Frozen Fruit dated February 2022 for this Solicitation should be directed to the

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See attached documents:

- 1 . MCSP NOV 2023
- 2 . Exhibit 2-Estimates Based on Current Orders
- 3 . Commodity Specification for Frozen Fruit February 2022
- 4 . PART B - Schedule July 1, 2024-November 30, 2024
- 5 . CCC Frozen Fruit Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1449

Attributes :

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

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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?

Bid invitation Item details

Item	Material	Description	Quantity	
10		FRUIT, FROZEN		
20	111120	STRAWBERRY WHOLE UNSWT IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	316,800.000	CS
		Total Quantity for STRAWBERRY WHOLE UNSWT IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	316,800.000	CS
		Total Quantity for Invitation	316,800.000	CS



Contracting Officer
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