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Washington, DC 20036

## Information

Description: 12-3J14-24-B-0297  
Bid invitation number: 2000009959  
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 03/13/2024 15:50:00  
Offer Due Date : 03/27/2024 13:00:00

Opening date: 03/27/2024 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

Frozen Fruit, SOLICITATION NO: 2000009959

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. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, April 10, 2024. Deliveries are to be made between May 1, 2024 and June 30, 2024.

The Specialist for this solicitation is Christa Banet ([christa.banet@usda.gov](mailto:christa.banet@usda.gov)) and the Contracting Officer is Samantha Klagenberg ([samantha.klagenbeg@usda.gov](mailto:samantha.klagenbeg@usda.gov)). Any questions or concern regarding this solicitation should be addressed to the specialist first.

As a result of the Check loading Phase Out Program, the requirements for check loading Frozen Fruit by USDA inspectors outlined in the attached Commodity Specifications are No Longer applicable. Note-Check loading may still be performed on all, or part of the deliveries at the request and expense of the contractor; however, it is not required for Frozen Fruit awarded under this solicitation. Also, SCI will conduct periodic verifications of the vendors commercial practices to ensure they meet the contractual requirements.

2023 is an acceptable crop year for these products

\*\* For a new-to-USDA contractor and existing contractors who are bidding on new products, a probationary period may 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 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. Any delivery problems directly attributable to the Government will not be held against the contractor.\*\*

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.

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

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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 November 2023, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Fruit dated February 2022 for 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 . MSCP-D (04-05-2023)
- 2 . Commodity Specification for Frozen Fruit February 2022

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**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.

- Permitted values:
- Yes
  - No
  - N/A

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

- Permitted values:
- NO
  - YES

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[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 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	
<b>90</b>		<b>FRUIT, FROZEN</b>				
	<b>100</b>	<b>BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-20/1 LB</b>				
		<b>110 KANSAS CITY MO</b>				
	120	111465 BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-20/1 LB	05/01/2024-05/15/2024	64161	2,000.000	CS
	130	111465 BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-20/1 LB	05/16/2024-05/31/2024	64161	2,000.000	CS
	140	111465 BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-20/1 LB	06/16/2024-06/30/2024	64161	2,000.000	CS
		<b>Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-20/1 LB</b>			<b>6,000.000</b>	<b>CS</b>
		<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>			<b>6,000.000</b>	<b>CS</b>

*Samantha Klagenberg*

Contracting Officer  
 Commodity Procurement Division  
 United States Department of Agriculture