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Information

Description: 12-3J14-24-B-0307
Bid invitation number: 2000009980
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

**SOLICITATION
Domestic Commodity Invitation**

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 03/22/2024 09:00:00
Offer Due Date : 04/04/2024 13:00:00

Opening date: 04/04/2024 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Fresh Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO: 2000009980

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, April 18, 2024. Deliveries are to be made between July 17, 2024 to December 18, 2024.

The Contract Specialist handling this purchase will be Claudius Price,(Claudius.I.Price@usda.gov). The Contract Officer handling this purchase will be Douglas Stickler (Douglas.Stickler@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.

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

Pack Year: USDA will accept product produced in calendar years 2023 and 2024 for deliveries made under resulting contracts.

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

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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

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.

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 February 2024; The Commodity Specification for Fresh Vegetables dated May 2019; or this solicitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA,

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 Telephone: (202) 720-4517. FAX: (202) 720-2782.

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See attached documents:

- 1 . Commodity Specification for Fresh Vegetables
- 2 . GAP and GHP Audit Verification Document
- 3 . MSCP dated 2-13-2024

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).

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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.

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	
10		VEGETABLE, FRESH				
20		POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB				
30		PHOENIX AZ				
40	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/04/2024-11/06/2024	85009	1,600.000	CS
50	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/18/2024-11/20/2024	85009	1,600.000	CS
60		EXETER CA				
70	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	07/15/2024-07/17/2024	93221	800.000	CS
80		RIVERSIDE CA				
90	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/18/2024-11/20/2024	92504	800.000	CS
100		SACRAMENTO CA				
110	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/04/2024-11/06/2024	95838	800.000	CS
120		LAS VEGAS NV				
130	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/07/2024-10/09/2024	89030	800.000	CS
		Total Quantity for POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB			6,400.000	CS

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140 POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB					
150 MESA AZ					
160	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	07/15/2024-07/17/2024	85210	CS 800.000
170	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/12/2024-08/14/2024	85210	CS 800.000
180	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/16/2024-09/18/2024	85210	CS 800.000
190	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/21/2024-10/23/2024	85210	CS 800.000
200	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/04/2024-11/06/2024	85210	CS 800.000
210	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/18/2024-11/20/2024	85210	CS 800.000
220	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/09/2024-12/11/2024	85210	CS 800.000
230 EXETER CA					
240	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/16/2024-09/18/2024	93221	CS 800.000
250 GARDEN GROVE CA					
260	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/09/2024-09/11/2024	92841	CS 800.000
270 MERCED CA					
280	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/28/2024-10/30/2024	95348	CS 800.000
290 SAN DIEGO CA					
300	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/30/2024-10/02/2024	92121	CS 800.000
310 FORT PIERCE FL					
320	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/04/2024-11/06/2024	34947	CS 800.000
330 CLARE MI					
340	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/04/2024-11/06/2024	48617	CS 800.000
350 LAS VEGAS NV					
360	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/16/2024-09/18/2024	89030	CS 800.000

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370	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/04/2024-11/06/2024	89030	800.000	CS
380 AKRON OH						
390	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/07/2024-10/09/2024	44307	800.000	CS
400	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/18/2024-11/20/2024	44307	800.000	CS
410	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/16/2024-12/18/2024	44307	800.000	CS
420 CLEVELAND OH						
430	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/09/2024-09/11/2024	44110	800.000	CS
440	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/28/2024-10/30/2024	44110	800.000	CS
450	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/02/2024-12/04/2024	44110	800.000	CS
460 CORPUS CHRISTI TX						
470	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/12/2024-08/14/2024	78405	800.000	CS
480	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/28/2024-10/30/2024	78405	800.000	CS
490	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/09/2024-12/11/2024	78405	800.000	CS
500 HOUSTON TX						
510	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/26/2024-08/28/2024	77029	800.000	CS
520	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/09/2024-09/11/2024	77029	800.000	CS
530	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/23/2024-09/25/2024	77029	800.000	CS
540	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/30/2024-10/02/2024	77029	800.000	CS
550	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/21/2024-10/23/2024	77029	800.000	CS
560	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/28/2024-10/30/2024	77029	800.000	CS
570	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/18/2024-11/20/2024	77029	800.000	CS

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580	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/02/2024-12/04/2024	77029	800.000	CS
590 PHARR TX						
600	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	07/08/2024-07/10/2024	78577	800.000	CS
610	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/19/2024-08/21/2024	78577	800.000	CS
620	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/21/2024-10/23/2024	78577	800.000	CS
630	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/09/2024-12/11/2024	78577	800.000	CS
640 RICHMOND VA						
650	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	07/15/2024-07/17/2024	23220	800.000	CS
660 LOT: 25375301 ELIZABETHTOWN KY / INDE..						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 25375301 ELIZABETHTOWN KY / INDEPENDENCE KY / LOUISVILLE KY /						
670	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/18/2024-11/20/2024	42701	300.000	CS
680	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/18/2024-11/20/2024	41051	200.000	CS
690	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/18/2024-11/20/2024	40228	300.000	CS
700 LOT: 249710956 EVANSVILLE IN / LEXING..						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 249710956 EVANSVILLE IN / LEXINGTON KY / PADUCAH KY /						
710	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/12/2024-08/14/2024	47711	150.000	CS
720	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/12/2024-08/14/2024	40511	500.000	CS
730	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/12/2024-08/14/2024	42001	150.000	CS
740 LOT: 273227616 EVANSVILLE IN / LEXING..						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 273227616 EVANSVILLE IN / LEXINGTON KY / PADUCAH KY /						
750	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/18/2024-11/20/2024	47711	150.000	CS
760	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/18/2024-11/20/2024	40511		CS

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					500.000	
770	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/18/2024-11/20/2024	42001		CS
					150.000	
780 LOT: 494479595 ELIZABETHTOWN KY / IND...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 494479595 ELIZABETHTOWN KY / INDEPENDENCE KY / LOUISVILLE KY /						
790	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/12/2024-08/14/2024	42701		CS
					300.000	
800	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/12/2024-08/14/2024	41051		CS
					200.000	
810	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/12/2024-08/14/2024	40228		CS
					300.000	
820 LOT: 619307416 SARASOTA FL / TAMPA FL /						
830	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/12/2024-08/14/2024	34240		CS
					400.000	
840	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/12/2024-08/14/2024	33605		CS
					400.000	
850 LOT: 760240273 BATTLE CREEK MI / FLIN...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 760240273 BATTLE CREEK MI / FLINT MI /						
860	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/04/2024-11/06/2024	49037		CS
					320.000	
870	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/04/2024-11/06/2024	48507		CS
					480.000	
Total Quantity for POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB						CS
						34,400.000
880 SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB						
890 MODESTO CA						
900	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/04/2024-11/06/2024	95351		CS
					1,000.000	
910 SAN DIEGO CA						
920	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	09/09/2024-09/11/2024	92121		CS
					1,000.000	
930 GENEVA IL						
940	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/07/2024-10/09/2024	60134		CS
					1,000.000	
950 OAK PARK MI						
960	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/28/2024-10/30/2024	48237		CS

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					1,000.000	
970	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	12/02/2024-12/04/2024	48237		CS
					1,000.000	
980 LOT: 167022044 BOSTON MA / CHICOPEE M...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 167022044 BOSTON MA / CHICOPEE MA / SHREWSBURY MA /						
990	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/04/2024-11/06/2024	02118		CS
					500.000	
1000	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/04/2024-11/06/2024	01020		CS
					250.000	
1010	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/04/2024-11/06/2024	01545		CS
					250.000	
1020 LOT: 762775437 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORL...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 762775437 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /						
1030	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	08/05/2024-08/07/2024	70505		CS
					500.000	
1040	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	08/05/2024-08/07/2024	70123		CS
					500.000	
Total Quantity for SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB						CS
					7,000.000	
Total Quantity for Invitation						CS
					47,800.000	



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