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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-24-B-0347**
Bid invitation number: **2000010026**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 04/15/2024 13:00:00
Offer Due Date : 04/30/2024 13:00:00

Opening date: 04/30/2024 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Frozen Stir Fry Vegetables SOLICITATION NO: 2000010026

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Frozen 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, May 8, 2024. Deliveries are to be made between July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024.

The specialist for this solicitation is Christa Banet, christa.banet@usda.gov. The contracting officer for this solicitation is 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.

The acceptable crop year for this solicitation is 2023 and 2024.

The Quantity Tolerance section of the specification document, "Contractor will be allowed a tolerance on the final delivery of plus or minus 50 cases of each product, from each shipping point named in the purchase order", is not applicable to this solicitation. USDA will not pay for any cases exceeding the contracted quantity.

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 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

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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 Frozen Stir Fry dated September 2023; the Commodity Specification for Frozen Vegetables dated March 2022; 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 . Commodity Spec Frz Veg Dated 3-2022
- 2 . MSCP dated 2-13-2024
- 3 . Commodity_Specification_for_Frozen_Stir_Fry_Sept_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.

- Permitted values:
- Have been delivered
 - Have not been delivered
 - Have not been delivered, but the Offeror has notified the Contracting Officer

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- 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.

1B) 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

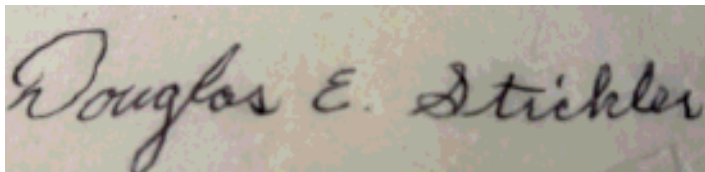
Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
10		VEGETABLE, FROZEN			
20		VEG BLEND STIRFRY FRZ CTN-12/1 LB			
30		KANSAS CITY MO			
40	111710	VEG BLEND STIRFRY FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	07/01/2024-07/15/2024	64161	CS 2,304.000
50	111710	VEG BLEND STIRFRY FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	07/16/2024-07/31/2024	64161	CS 2,304.000
60	111710	VEG BLEND STIRFRY FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	08/16/2024-08/31/2024	64161	CS 2,304.000
70	111710	VEG BLEND STIRFRY FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	09/16/2024-09/30/2024	64161	CS 2,304.000
Total Quantity for VEG BLEND STIRFRY FRZ CTN-12/1 LB					CS 9,216.000

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Item Material Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
Total Quantity for Invitation			9,216.000	CS



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