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Information

Description: **12-3J14-24-B-0395**
Bid invitation number: **2000010077**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

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Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 04/29/2024 11:30:00
Offer Due Date : 05/13/2024 15:00:00

Opening date: 05/13/2024 15:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Canned Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO: 2000010077

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Canned Vegetables (Sweet Potatoes) 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 27, 2024. Deliveries are to be made between November 15, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

The specialist for this solicitation is Blanca Ochoa; blanca.ochoa2@usda.gov. The contracting officer for this solicitation is Kelli Dawkins; kelli.dawkins@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.

*** 100317 - SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10 is 100% Small Business Set-Aside***

There is a probationary period for new-to-AMS contractors and existing contractors bidding on new products in which awards may be limited to 10 truckloads per product. Contractor must demonstrate successful delivery of at least five (5) truckloads of [new] 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.

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,

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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 13, 2024; Specification for Canned Vegetables dated January 2023; Commodity Specifications for Bulk Products for Further Processing dated June 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 Specifications Canned Vegetables Jan 2023
- 2 . 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

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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).

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

- Permitted values:
- N/A
 - NO
 - YES

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, CANNED			
20		SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10			
30		BIRMINGHAM AL			
40	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	35210	CS 912.000
50		CLANTON AL			
60	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	35045	CS

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					912.000	
70	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	02/16/2025-02/28/2025	35045		CS
					912.000	
80 GRANITE CITY IL						
90	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	62040		CS
					912.000	
100 BATON ROUGE LA						
110	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	70806		CS
					912.000	
120	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/16/2024-11/30/2024	70806		CS
					912.000	
130 ST MARTINVILLE LA						
140	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/16/2024-11/30/2024	70582		CS
					912.000	
150 CREEDMOOR NC						
160	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	27522		CS
					1,824.000	
170	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	01/16/2025-01/31/2025	27522		CS
					912.000	
180	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	03/01/2025-03/15/2025	27522		CS
					1,824.000	
190 SALISBURY NC						
200	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	28147		CS
					1,824.000	
210 PIEDMONT SC						
220	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	29673		CS
					1,824.000	
230 MEMPHIS TN						
240	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	38112		CS
					912.000	
250 SAN ANTONIO TX						
260	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	78207		CS
					912.000	
270 RIPLEY WV						
280	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	25271		CS
					912.000	
290	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	06/16/2025-06/30/2025	25271		CS

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					912.000	
300	LOT: 205080402 NEWARK NJ / VINELAND NJ /					
310	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	07114		CS
					456.000	
320	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	08360		CS
					456.000	
330	LOT: 325592980 BIRMINGHAM AL / CLANTO...					
	Tendering text - Item : LOT: 325592980 BIRMINGHAM AL / CLANTON AL /					
340	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	02/16/2025-02/28/2025	35210		CS
					228.000	
350	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	02/16/2025-02/28/2025	35045		CS
					684.000	
360	LOT: 367917016 JOHNSON CITY TN / CULP...					
	Tendering text - Item : LOT: 367917016 JOHNSON CITY TN / CULPEPER VA /					
370	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	37601		CS
					560.000	
380	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	22701		CS
					352.000	
390	LOT: 471896509 BATON ROUGE LA / ST MA...					
	Tendering text - Item : LOT: 471896509 BATON ROUGE LA / ST MARTINVILLE LA /					
400	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	70806		CS
					684.000	
410	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	70582		CS
					228.000	
420	LOT: 546661421 CHARLOTTE AMA VI / CHR...					
	Tendering text - Item : LOT: 546661421 CHARLOTTE AMA VI / CHRIS ST. CROIX VI /					
430	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	00802		CS
					456.000	
440	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	00820		CS
					456.000	
450	LOT: 559551634 RICHMOND VA / SUFFOLK ...					
	Tendering text - Item : LOT: 559551634 RICHMOND VA / SUFFOLK VA /					
460	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	23230		CS
					474.000	
470	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	23435		CS

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					438.000
480 LOT: 852783674 HOUSTON TX / SAN ANTON...					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 852783674 HOUSTON TX / SAN ANTONIO TX /					
490	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	77095	CS
					382.000
500	100317	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10	11/01/2024-11/15/2024	78211	CS
					530.000
Total Quantity for SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-6/10					CS
					24,624.000
Total Quantity for Invitation					CS
					24,624.000



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