

**United States Department of Agriculture**  
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Room 3522-S, STOP 0239  
Washington, DC 20036

**Information**

Description: **12-3J14-24-B-0399**  
Bid invitation number: **2000010081**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

**SOLICITATION**  
**Master/Shortfall Invitation**

**Bid invitation Overview**

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 04/29/2024 16:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 05/10/2024 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 05/10/2024 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Master

**Additional requested information:**

**Tendering text - Header :**

Section 32- Grape Juice Products, SOLICITATION NO: 2000010081

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Grape Juice 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 17, 2024. Deliveries are to be made between July 16, 2024, and September 30, 2024.

The specialist for this solicitation is Samantha Rech [samantha.rech@usda.gov](mailto:samantha.rech@usda.gov) . The contracting officer for this solicitation is Samantha Klagenberg, [samantha.klagenberg@usda.gov](mailto:samantha.klagenberg@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.

Offerors should consider their processing capacity when bidding to ensure they are able to meet the delivery deadlines.

Set asides include:

Material Code (100895) GRAPE CONCORD JUICE PLST BTL-8/64 FL OZ ;

1.,,100% Small Business

2.,,10% SDVOB

Crop Year:

2023 & 2024 will be acceptable for this solicitation for Material Code (100895) GRAPE CONCORD JUICE PLST BTL-8/64 FL OZ.

\*\* 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.\*\*

Per FDA regulations, the following minimum mandatory labeling requirements for all foods, whether sold or donated, must appear on the label: Name of the food, Manufacturer's name and location, Net weight of the product, Ingredients list, and Allergen declaration. These requirements are codified in 21

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CFR 101.2, 101.3, 101.4 and 101.5. See the following link for a guidance manual:

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/LabelingNutrition/cm064894.htm>

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.

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 Commodity Specification for Bottled Juices dated December 2021; 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 . MSCP dated 2-13-2024
- 2 . CommoditySpecificationforBottledJuicesDecember2021
- 3 . Create Domestic IDIQ Bid (1)
- 4 . PART B - Schedule July 16, 2024-September 30, 2024
- 5 . Exhibit 2 Section 32 Grape Juice Estimated Orders Jul-Sept 2024
- 6 . Bottled Juice Invitation for Bids (IFB)1449 Jul-Sept 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:

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).

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](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

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Offeror acknowledges receipt of the amendment(s) to the solicitation. Select N/A if no amendment was issued to the solicitation.

Permitted values:       - YES (Comment: Yes)  
                               - NO (Comment: No)  
                               - N/A (Comment: N/A)

**Bid invitation Item details**

	<b>Item Material</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>FRUIT, JUICE</b>			
	20	100895 GRAPE CONCORD JUICE PLST BTL-8/64 FL OZ	953,250.000	CS
		<b>Total Quantity for GRAPE CONCORD JUICE PLST BTL-8/64 FL OZ</b>	<b>953,250.000</b>	<b>CS</b>
		<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>	<b>953,250.000</b>	<b>CS</b>

*Samantha Klagenberg*

Contracting Officer  
 Commodity Procurement Division  
 United States Department of Agriculture