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Information

Description: **12-3J14-24-B-0468**
Bid invitation number: **2000010164**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION
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Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 06/25/2024 11:40:00
Offer Due Date : 07/09/2024 15:00:00

Opening date: 07/09/2024 15:00:00

Invitation Type : Master

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

CANNED AND FROZEN SEASONAL VEGETABLES, SOLICITATION NO: 2000010164

The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) requests offers to sell Canned and Frozen Vegetable Products pursuant to the attached Invitation for Bids (IFB) solicitation document for use in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs. Awards will be announced by Midnight, Tuesday, July 23, 2024. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2025, and September 30, 2025.

There is a probationary period for new-to-AMS contractors and existing contractors bidding on new products in which awards are 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.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver by the required delivery NLT dates.

The incorporated terms of any subsequent contract and obligations for both the awardee and Government can be found in:

- 1) The Tendering Text of this solicitation
- 2) The AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurement # Domestic Programs, often referred to as the #MSCP# (attached to this solicitation in WBSCM)
- 3) The applicable Commodity Specification Documents (attached to this solicitation in WBSCM)
- 4) The IDIQ Invitation for Bids 2000010164 document (attached to this solicitation in WBSCM)

******* SOLICITATION-SPECIFIC DETAILS*******

All offerors should reference the "IDIQ Invitation for Bids 2000010164" document attached to the solicitation for more information.

Products grown and packed in crop year 2024 onwards will be accepted for this solicitation. Canned products will be accepted for up to 18 months from date of inspection.

Offerors will submit a unit price in WBSCM, for delivery to each state, inclusive of all costs associated through final delivery. A price is required for every state and all state prices must be determined fair and reasonable for a bid to be determined responsible.

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***** SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS*****

1) POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300 is 50% Small Business Set-Aside.

***** CANNED MIXED VEGETABLES*****

Container size: 24/#300 size can

Proportions: For Carrots (Diced) and Potatoes (Diced) # 40% (+ /-) 10% for each vegetable #
Maximum 80%
combined total.

For Lima beans, thin seeded, Peas, sweet, Beans, green (Short, cut, or mixed), Corn, yellow (Whole kernel), and Celery (Cut, ½ inch maximum in length) - Minimum 20% combined total for all five vegetable sub-types. Minimum 2% for each individual vegetable sub-type.

Total percentages of potatoes, carrots, and the five other vegetable sub-types must equal 100%.

***** UPDATED KOSHER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS*****

The following materials must be produced and packed in a Kosher certified facility and must contain one of the Kosher Symbols in Exhibit 8.1 of the Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetables, April 2021.

1) 100311- CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN- 24/300

2) 100306- BEANS GREEN CAN- 24/300

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 proposals. 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.

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All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

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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.

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See attached documents:

- 1 . Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurement_February 2024
- 2 . Commodity Specifications for Canned Vegetables
- 3 . Commodity Specifications for Frozen Vegetables
- 4 . EXHIBIT 2_Estimates Based on Current Demand
- 5 . PART B_Schedule
- 6 . IDIQ Invitation for Bids 2000010164

Attributes :

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

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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?

Bid invitation Item details

	Item Material	Description	Quantity	
10		VEGETABLE, CANNED		
	20	100314 PEAS CAN-24/300		CS
			463,320.000	
		Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-24/300		CS
			463,320.000	
	30	100320 VEG MIX CAN-24/300		CS
			435,780.000	
		Total Quantity for VEG MIX CAN-24/300		CS
			435,780.000	
	40	100315 PEAS CAN-6/10		CS
			13,680.000	
		Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-6/10		CS
			13,680.000	
	50	100313 CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10		CS
			161,424.000	
		Total Quantity for CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10		CS
			161,424.000	
	60	100311 CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300		CS
			712,980.000	
		Total Quantity for CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300		CS
			712,980.000	

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Item	Material	Description	Quantity	
70	100331	POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300		CS
			353,430.000	
		Total Quantity for POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300		CS
			353,430.000	
80	100328	TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300		CS
			477,900.000	
		Total Quantity for TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300		CS
			477,900.000	
90	100329	TOMATO DICED CAN-6/10		CS
			20,064.000	
		Total Quantity for TOMATO DICED CAN-6/10		CS
			20,064.000	
100	100307	BEANS GREEN CAN-6/10		CS
			198,816.000	
		Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN CAN-6/10		CS
			198,816.000	
110	100306	BEANS GREEN CAN-24/300		CS
			793,800.000	
		Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN CAN-24/300		CS
			793,800.000	
120	100308	CARROTS CAN-24/300		CS
			354,780.000	
		Total Quantity for CARROTS CAN-24/300		CS
			354,780.000	
130	100310	CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300		CS
			90,720.000	
		Total Quantity for CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300		CS
			90,720.000	
140	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10		CS
			27,360.000	
		Total Quantity for CARROTS CAN-6/10		CS
			27,360.000	
150		VEGETABLE, FROZEN		
160	111052	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2 LB		CS
			14,580.000	
		Total Quantity for CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2 LB		CS
			14,580.000	
170	111053	CORN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB		CS

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Item	Material	Description	Quantity	
		Total Quantity for CORN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	96,360.000	CS
180	110763	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	33,000.000	CS
		Total Quantity for PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	33,000.000	CS
190	100352	CARROTS FRZ CTN-30 LB	72,600.000	CS
		Total Quantity for CARROTS FRZ CTN-30 LB	72,600.000	CS
200	111054	BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2 LB	46,980.000	CS
		Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2 LB	46,980.000	CS
210	111230	MIXED VEGETABLES FRZ CTN-6/5LB	36,960.000	CS
		Total Quantity for MIXED VEGETABLES FRZ CTN-6/5LB	36,960.000	CS
220	111460	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	6,600.000	CS
		Total Quantity for CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	6,600.000	CS
230	111461	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	6,600.000	CS
		Total Quantity for PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	6,600.000	CS
240	100348	CORN FRZ CTN-30 LB	139,920.000	CS
		Total Quantity for CORN FRZ CTN-30 LB	139,920.000	CS
250	100351	BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	47,520.000	CS
		Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	47,520.000	CS
260	100350	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	25,080.000	CS

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Item Material Description	Quantity
Total Quantity for PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	25,080.000 CS
Total Quantity for Invitation	4,630,254.000 CS



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