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Washington, DC 20036

### Information

Description: **12-3J14-24-B-0527-0001**  
Bid invitation number: **2000010228**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 07/23/2024 15:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 08/06/2024 13:00:00

Opening date: 08/06/2024 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

SHELLED TREE NUTS, SOLICITATION NO: 2000010228

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Shelled Tree Nuts 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, August 14, 2024. Deliveries are to be made between November 01, 2024 and November 30, 2024.

The specialist for this solicitation is Genesys Corrado, Genesys.Corrado@usda.gov. The contracting officer for this solicitation is Samantha Klagenberg, 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 take into account their processing capacity when bidding to ensure they are able to meet the delivery deadlines.

Set asides include:

100908- WALNUT ENG PCS CTN-24/1 LB - 100% Small Business Set-aside

\*\*\* Important documents attached for crop year and microbiological requirements (Attachment 1).\*\*\*

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 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.

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 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/ucm064894.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 WBSM, 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.

**SOLICITATION**  
**Domestic Commodity Invitation**

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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.

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 (877) 927-2648 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 Shelled Tree Nuts dated June 2023; 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 . AMS Master Solicitation Domestic FEB\_13\_2024
- 2 . Attachment 1
- 3 . Tree Nuts Specifications

**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.

