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Washington, DC 20036

**Information**

Description: 12-3J14-25-B-0010  
Bid invitation number: 2000010380  
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

**SOLICITATION  
Domestic Commodity Invitation**

**Bid invitation Overview**

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 10/17/2024 12:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 10/31/2024 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 10/31/2024 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

**Additional requested information:**

**Tendering text - Header :**

Fresh Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO: 2000010380

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Fresh Vegetables (Fresh 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, November 8, 2024. Deliveries are to be made between January 8, 2025 through June 25, 2025.

The specialist for this solicitation is Claudius Price(Claudius.I.Price@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.

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.

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh vegetables are required to undergo and pass the USDA AMS SCP Specialty Crop Inspection Division (SCID) Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices (GHP) verification audits, and must score at least 80% on each of the following scopes for each product being offered:

GAP - Farm Review AND Field Harvesting & Field Packing Activities

GHP - House Packing Facility AND Storage & Transportation

All these requirements must be met PRIOR to the bid opening date.

Brokers are exempt from the USDA GAP/GHP requirements themselves, HOWEVER suppliers/subcontractors performing under the contract must have the applicable USDA GAP/GHP certification(s). Verification audits shall be performed by the USDA, AMS, SCP-SCID representatives only.

\*\*\*\*\*100% Small Business Set-Aside\*\*\*\*\*  
POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB  
SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB

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POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB

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Pack Year: USDA will accept product produced in calendar year 2024 and 2025 for deliveries made under resulting contracts.

In order to be found responsive the contractor and/or its subcontractors/suppliers must be compliance with USDA GAP/GHP certification. Offerors must include in their bid the GAP and GHP Audit Verification Document, which is found in the attachments section of this solicitation. Offerors who do not complete this document in its entirety, do not include the document as an attachment to their bid, or are missing the required USDA GAP/GHP scopes listed above must be deemed nonresponsive.

Inspection must be performed by SCI Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service only. Inspections under the Partners in Quality (PIQ) and Customer Assisted Inspection Program (CAIP) programs are not accepted for Commodity Procurement purchases.

All audits are valid for one year after the date the audit was conducted. More information on USDA GAP/GHP audits can be found here: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/gap-ghp> or by reaching out to [scaudits@usda.gov](mailto:scaudits@usda.gov)

Awardees may ship and supply from any location found here:

<https://apps.ams.usda.gov/GAPGHP/reportG01.aspx>

If USDA/AMS finds that suppliers used by the contractor are not in compliance with AMS GAP/GHP certification requirements after the product is delivered, the following courses of action will apply:

1. A cure notice shall be issued informing the contractor of their failure to comply with the required elements of this solicitation. The USDA will then deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries shipped or invoiced prior to the date listed on the cure notice.
2. If the contractor ships noncompliant product after the date of the cure notice:
  - a. USDA/AMS will deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries;
  - b. The contract will be terminated for cause; and
  - c. The contractor will be suspended from participating in all future USDA/AMS fresh fruit and vegetable solicitations for a period of one year from the date of contract termination.

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.

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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 (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 Fresh Vegetables dated May 2019; 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 . GAP and GHP Audit Verification Document
- 2 . Commodity Specification for Fresh Vegetables
- 3 . 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 USDA contract prior to this bid opening.

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- 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 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	
<b>10</b>		<b>VEGETABLE, FRESH</b>				
<b>20</b>		<b>POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB</b>				
<b>30</b>		<b>CLEVELAND OH</b>				
40	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/13/2025-01/15/2025	44110	800.000	CS
50	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/03/2025-03/05/2025	44110	800.000	CS
		<b>Total Quantity for POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB</b>			<b>1,600.000</b>	<b>CS</b>

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<b>60 POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB</b>						
<b>70 FAIRFIELD CA</b>						
80	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/10/2025-02/12/2025	94533	800.000	CS
<b>90 IMPERIAL CA</b>						
100	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/02/2025-06/04/2025	92251	800.000	CS
<b>110 INDIO CA</b>						
120	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/27/2025-01/29/2025	92201	800.000	CS
130	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/28/2025-04/30/2025	92201	800.000	CS
<b>140 MERCED CA</b>						
150	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/23/2025-06/25/2025	95348	800.000	CS
<b>160 EAST POINT GA</b>						
170	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/03/2025-02/05/2025	30344	800.000	CS
180	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/03/2025-03/05/2025	30344	800.000	CS
190	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/24/2025-03/26/2025	30344	800.000	CS
<b>200 ALEXANDRIA LA</b>						
210	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/24/2025-03/26/2025	71301	800.000	CS
<b>220 BATON ROUGE LA</b>						
230	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/14/2025-04/16/2025	70815	800.000	CS
<b>240 MONROE LA</b>						
250	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/10/2025-02/12/2025	71203	800.000	CS
<b>260 NEW ORLEANS LA</b>						
270	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/06/2025-01/08/2025	70123	800.000	CS
280	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/07/2025-04/09/2025	70123	800.000	CS
<b>290 LOT: 199301302 LAFAYETTE LA / LAKE CH...</b>						

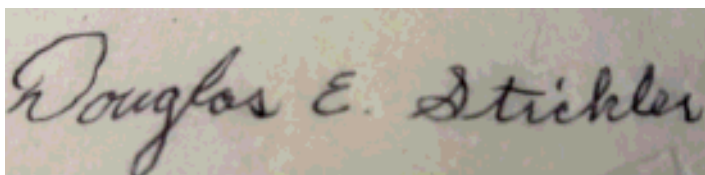
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 199301302 LAFAYETTE LA / LAKE CHARLES LA /

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300	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/02/2025-06/04/2025	70505	534.000	CS
310	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/02/2025-06/04/2025	70615	266.000	CS
<b>320 LOT: 996892959 LAFAYETTE LA / LAKE CH...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 996892959 LAFAYETTE LA / LAKE CHARLES LA /						
330	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/03/2025-02/05/2025	70505	534.000	CS
340	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/03/2025-02/05/2025	70615	266.000	CS
<b>Total Quantity for POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB</b>						<b>12,000.000</b>
<b>350 SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB</b>						
<b>360 COMSTOCK PARK MI</b>						
370	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	04/14/2025-04/16/2025	49321	1,000.000	CS
<b>380 OAK PARK MI</b>						
390	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	06/09/2025-06/11/2025	48237	1,000.000	CS
<b>400 LORTON VA</b>						
410	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	03/24/2025-03/26/2025	22079	1,000.000	CS
<b>420 LOT: 915242384 WASHINGTON DC</b>						
430	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	03/24/2025-03/26/2025	20017	600.000	CS
440	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	03/24/2025-03/26/2025	20017	400.000	CS
<b>Total Quantity for SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB</b>						<b>4,000.000</b>
<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>						<b>17,600.000</b>



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