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Washington, DC 20036

#### Information

Description: 12-3J14-25-B-0031  
Bid invitation number: 2000010401  
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

### SOLICITATION Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 10/24/2024 14:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 11/07/2024 14:00:00  
  
Opening date: 11/07/2024 14:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

FROZEN FRUIT, SOLICITATION NO: 2000010401

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell FROZEN FRUIT 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 14, 2024. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025.

The Specialist for this solicitation is Christa Banet ([christa.banet@usda.gov](mailto:christa.banet@usda.gov)) and the Contracting Officer is Samantha Klagenberg ([samantha.klagenberg@usda.gov](mailto:samantha.klagenberg@usda.gov)). Any questions or concern regarding this solicitation should be addressed to the specialist first.

As a result of the Checkloading Phase Out Program, the requirements for check loading Frozen Fruit by USDA inspectors outlined in the attached Commodity Specifications are No Longer applicable. Note-Checkloading may still be performed on all, or part of the deliveries at the request and expense of the contractor; however, it is not required for Frozen Fruit awarded under this solicitation. Also, SCI will conduct periodic verifications of the vendors commercial practices to ensure they meet the contractual requirements.

#### SET ASIDE:

- (100242) BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB; Small Business 100%
- (100243) BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB; Small Business 100%; SDVOB 10%
- (100258) APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-30 LB; Small Business 100%, SDVOB 10%
- (110623) BLUEBERRY Highbush FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB; Small Business 50%
- (110624) BLUEBERRY Highbush FRZ CTN-30 LB; Small Business 70%
- (111465) BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-10/1 LB; Small Business 100%, SDVOB 10%

#### CROP YEAR:

The acceptable crop year for these orders is 2024.

\*\* 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

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conditions of the contract. Any delivery problems directly attributable to the Government will not be held against the contractor.\* \*

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, 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 Frozen Fruit dated February 2022 for 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 . CommoditySpecificationforFrozenFruitFebruary2022
- 2 . MSCP-D (02-13-2024)

**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.

- 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).

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

[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

3. The Offeror has completed electronic registration via the System for Award Management (SAM) website at [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov). The Offeror verifies by submission of its offer that the SAM is

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accurate, complete, and current as of the bid submission date.

**Bid invitation Item details**

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
<b>10 FRUIT, FROZEN</b>					
<b>20 APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>					
<b>30 WAYNE NJ</b>					
40	100258	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-30 LB	03/01/2025-03/15/2025	07470	CS 1,320.000
<b>50 HAUPPAUGE NY</b>					
60	100258	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-30 LB	03/01/2025-03/15/2025	11788	CS 1,320.000
<b>Total Quantity for APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>					CS 2,640.000
<b>70 BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB</b>					
<b>80 DIXON CA</b>					
90	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	01/16/2025-01/31/2025	95620	CS 1,320.000
<b>100 SAN DIEGO CA</b>					
110	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	03/01/2025-03/15/2025	92123	CS 1,320.000
<b>120 CHICAGO IL</b>					
130	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	60609	CS 1,320.000
140	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	02/01/2025-02/15/2025	60609	CS 1,320.000
150	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	03/16/2025-03/31/2025	60609	CS 1,320.000
<b>160 GRANITE CITY IL</b>					
170	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	62040	CS 1,320.000
<b>180 BRIDGETON MO</b>					
190	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	02/01/2025-02/15/2025	63044	CS 1,320.000
<b>200 WAYNE NJ</b>					
210	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	02/01/2025-02/15/2025	07470	CS 1,320.000
<b>220 HUNTINGDON PA</b>					

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230	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	01/16/2025-01/31/2025	16652		CS	
					1,320.000		
<b>240 SEATTLE WA</b>							
250	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	02/01/2025-02/15/2025	98148		CS	
					1,320.000		
<b>260 LOT: 138135995 FOREST HILL MD / GAITH...</b>							
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 138135995 FOREST HILL MD / GAITHERSBURG MD / JESSUP MD /					
270	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	01/16/2025-01/31/2025	21050		CS	
					330.000		
280	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	01/16/2025-01/31/2025	20879		CS	
					660.000		
290	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	01/16/2025-01/31/2025	20794		CS	
					330.000		
<b>300 LOT: 1628606861 HUNTINGDON PA / PHILA...</b>							
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 1628606861 HUNTINGDON PA / PHILADELPHIA PA /					
310	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	03/16/2025-03/31/2025	16652		CS	
					990.000		
320	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	03/16/2025-03/31/2025	19129		CS	
					330.000		
		Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB					CS
					15,840.000		
<b>330 BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>							
<b>340 CLOVIS CA</b>							
350	110624	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	93611		CS	
					1,320.000		
<b>360 PICO RIVERA CA</b>							
370	110624	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	90660		CS	
					1,320.000		
<b>380 CEDAR FALLS IA</b>							
390	110624	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	50613		CS	
					1,320.000		
<b>400 AUSTIN TX</b>							
410	110624	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB	03/01/2025-03/15/2025	78704		CS	
					1,320.000		
<b>420 GARLAND TX</b>							
430	110624	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	75040		CS	
					1,320.000		

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<b>440 RIPLEY WV</b>						
450	110624	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB	02/16/2025-02/28/2025	25271		CS
					1,320.000	
<b>460 LOT: 316373592 HOUSTON TX / SAN ANTON...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 316373592 HOUSTON TX / SAN ANTONIO TX /						
470	110624	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	77095		CS
					990.000	
480	110624	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	78227		CS
					330.000	
<b>490 LOT: 607098785 EAU CLAIRE WI / MADISO...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 607098785 EAU CLAIRE WI / MADISON WI /						
500	110624	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2025-01/31/2025	54703		CS
					690.000	
510	110624	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2025-01/31/2025	53716		CS
					630.000	
Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB						CS
					10,560.000	
<b>520 BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-20/1 LB</b>						
<b>530 NORTH LITTLE ROCK AR</b>						
540	111465	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-20/1 LB	03/01/2025-03/15/2025	72114		CS
					2,000.000	
Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-20/1 LB						CS
					2,000.000	
<b>550 BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>						
<b>560 HOUSTON TX</b>						
570	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	77095		CS
					1,320.000	
<b>580 LOT: 398724251 FORT WAYNE IN / SOUTH ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 398724251 FORT WAYNE IN / SOUTH BEND IN /						
590	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	02/16/2025-02/28/2025	46803		CS
					373.000	
600	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	02/16/2025-02/28/2025	46628		CS
					947.000	
<b>610 LOT: 907409655 FORT WAYNE IN / SOUTH ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 907409655 FORT WAYNE IN / SOUTH BEND IN /						
620	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2025-01/31/2025	46803		CS
					330.000	

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630	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2025-01/31/2025	46628		CS
					990.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>				CS
					3,960.000	
<b>640 BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB</b>						
<b>650 CREEDMOOR NC</b>						
660	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	27522		CS
					1,440.000	
<b>670 SAN ANTONIO TX</b>						
680	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	78249		CS
					1,440.000	
690	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	78250		CS
					1,440.000	
<b>700 BALDWIN WI</b>						
710	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	54002		CS
					2,880.000	
720	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	01/16/2025-01/31/2025	54002		CS
					1,440.000	
730	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	03/01/2025-03/15/2025	54002		CS
					1,440.000	
<b>740 LOT: 12694 TAUNTON MA</b>						
750	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	02/01/2025-02/15/2025	02780		CS
					720.000	
760	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	02/01/2025-02/15/2025	02780		CS
					720.000	
<b>770 LOT: 160215 CREEDMOOR NC / SALISBURY ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 160215 CREEDMOOR NC / SALISBURY NC /						
780	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	27522		CS
					574.000	
790	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	28147		CS
					866.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB</b>				CS
					12,960.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>				CS
					47,960.000	

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