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## Information

Description: 12-3J14-23-B-0475  
Bid invitation number: 2000009427  
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

## SOLICITATION Master/Shortfall Invitation

### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 06/21/2023 17:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 07/06/2023 15:00:00  
  
Opening date: 07/06/2023 15:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Master

### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

CANNED AND FROZEN SEASONAL VEGETABLES, SOLICITATION NO: 2000007425

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, Wednesday, July 20, 2023. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2024, and September 30, 2024.

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.

Suppliers of food purchase programs administered by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) for awards made beginning July 1, 2023 will no longer be required to use high security seals on trucks, railcars, vessels and other transports when transporting food products purchased to support those programs; traceable tamper evident flat metal, wire or plastic commercial security seals will be permissible.

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) Vegetable Invitation for Bids (IFB) IDIQ.docx (attached to this solicitation in WBSCM)

### SOLICITATION-SPECIFIC DETAILS

All offerors should reference the Vegetable Invitation for Bids (IFB) IDIQ 2000009427 document attached to the solicitation for more information.

Products grown and packed in crop year 2023 onwards will be accepted for this solicitation. Canned products will be accepted for up to 18 months from date of inspection.

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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.

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

2022 Pack Year is allowed for materials 100308 Carrots Can 24/300 and 100309 Carrots Can 6/10. Packing Season: All other must be from the current crop year, 2023 and onward.

\* 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.

100311- CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN- 24/300

100306- BEANS GREEN CAN- 24/300

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

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

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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 instructions or call (202) 720-4517 for assistance. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated March 2022; Commodity Specifications for Canned Vegetables dated April 2021; Commodity Specifications for Frozen Vegetables dated March 2022 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 . Commodity\_Specification\_for\_Canned\_Vegetables\_January\_2023
- 2 . Commodity\_Specification\_for\_Frozen\_Vegetables\_March\_2022
- 3 . Master Solicitation Dated April 2023
- 4 . PART B
- 5 . Updated HH & NSLP Exhibit 2 Estimate Based on Current Orders
- 6 . Vegetable Invitation for Bids (IFB) IDIQ

**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

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- 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).

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**

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Material Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>VEGETABLE, CANNED</b>			
	20	100320 VEG MIX CAN-24/300		CS
			440,640.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for VEG MIX CAN-24/300</b>		CS
			440,640.000	
	30	100314 PEAS CAN-24/300		CS
			362,880.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-24/300</b>		CS
			362,880.000	
	40	100331 POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300		CS
			408,510.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300</b>		CS
			408,510.000	
	50	100328 TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300		CS
			447,120.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300</b>		CS

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			447,120.000	
60	100311	CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300		CS
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300</b>	616,590.000	CS
			616,590.000	
70	100308	CARROTS CAN-24/300		CS
		<b>Total Quantity for CARROTS CAN-24/300</b>	396,900.000	CS
			396,900.000	
80	100307	BEANS GREEN CAN-6/10		CS
		<b>Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN CAN-6/10</b>	210,672.000	CS
			210,672.000	
90	100310	CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300		CS
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300</b>	87,480.000	CS
			87,480.000	
100	100329	TOMATO DICED CAN-6/10		CS
		<b>Total Quantity for TOMATO DICED CAN-6/10</b>	31,920.000	CS
			31,920.000	
110	100315	PEAS CAN-6/10		CS
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-6/10</b>	18,240.000	CS
			18,240.000	
120	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10		CS
		<b>Total Quantity for CARROTS CAN-6/10</b>	27,360.000	CS
			27,360.000	
130	100306	BEANS GREEN CAN-24/300		CS
		<b>Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN CAN-24/300</b>	691,740.000	CS
			691,740.000	
140	100313	CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10		CS
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10</b>	162,336.000	CS
			162,336.000	

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150		<b>VEGETABLE, FROZEN</b>		
160	110763	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB		CS
			36,960.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB</b>		CS
			36,960.000	
170	100352	CARROTS FRZ CTN-30 LB		CS
			59,400.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for CARROTS FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>		CS
			59,400.000	
180	111052	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2 LB		CS
			43,740.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2 LB</b>		CS
			43,740.000	
190	111053	CORN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB		CS
			69,960.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB</b>		CS
			69,960.000	
200	100351	BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB		CS
			51,480.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>		CS
			51,480.000	
210	100348	CORN FRZ CTN-30 LB		CS
			139,920.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>		CS
			139,920.000	
220	111054	BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2 LB		CS
			45,360.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2 LB</b>		CS
			45,360.000	
230	111230	MIXED VEGETABLES FRZ CTN-6/5LB		CS
			34,320.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for MIXED VEGETABLES FRZ CTN-6/5LB</b>		CS
			34,320.000	
240	100350	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB		CS
			31,680.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>		CS
			31,680.000	
250	111460	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/1 LB		CS

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Item Material Description	Quantity
Total Quantity for CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	6,600.000 CS
260 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
Total Quantity for Invitation	4,428,408.00 CS
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