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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: 12-3J14-23-B-0562
Bid invitation number: 2000009536
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

SOLICITATION Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 08/10/2023 13:00:00
Offer Due Date : 08/17/2023 13:00:00

Opening date: 08/17/2023 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

FROZEN SEASONAL and KOSHER CANNED VEGETABLES, SOLICITATION NO: 2000009536

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Canned Vegetables 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 23, 2023. Deliveries are to be made between October 2023 and January 2024.

The specialist for this solicitation is Ashley Train (ashley.train@usda.gov). The contracting officer for this solicitation is Kelli Dawkins (kelli.dawkins@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.

* * K CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10 LINE ITEMS ARE KOSHER PRODUCTS * *

* * * For this solicitation Corn Whole Kernel Can 6/10 must comply with applicable dietary (Kosher) laws as established by 613 Council of Kashruth. Manufacturing plants shall be certified for compliance with the Kosher requirement by contacting the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York (BJENY) at 646-472-5368. At no cost to the vendor, a rabbinic supervisor will be sent to certify compliance of the manufacturing plant with the dietary (kosher) laws. Vendors must not bid on these purchase units unless they can be properly certified. Kosher products purchased solely for the #613 Council of Kashruth# do not require a Kosher symbol on the primary or secondary container. * * *

Packing Season: All fresh vegetables to be canned, must be from the current crop year, 2023 and onward.

Canned products will be accepted for up to 18 months from date of inspection.

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.

The Quantity Tolerance section of the specification document, "Contractor will be allowed a tolerance on the final delivery of plus or minus 50 cases of each product, from each shipping point named in the purchase order", is not applicable to this solicitation. USDA will not pay for any cases exceeding the

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contracted quantity.

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.

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 April 2023; Specification for Canned Vegetables dated January 2023; Specification 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 Specifications Canned Vegetables Jan 2023
- 2 . MSCP-D 4-5-2023
- 3 . Commodity Specifications for Frozen Vegetables March 2022

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).

1A) Offeror has reviewed the List of Required Products for GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN) Reporting located at:

Permitted values: - N/A
 - NO
 - YES

https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/GS1_GDSN_ListofRequiredProducts.xlsx.

1B) 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

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was issued to the solicitation.

- Permitted values:
- Yes
 - No
 - N/A

Bid invitation Item details

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10		VEGETABLE, CANNED				
20		K CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10				
30		WAYNE NJ				
40	110059	K CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	07470		CS
					2,736.000	
50	110059	K CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	07470		CS
					2,736.000	
		Total Quantity for K CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10				CS
					5,472.000	
60		VEGETABLE, FROZEN				
70		BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB				
80		LOT: 146506286 EAU CLAIRE WI / MADISO...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 146506286 EAU CLAIRE WI / MADISON WI /				
90	100351	BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	10/16/2023-10/31/2023	54703		CS
					682.000	
100	100351	BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	10/16/2023-10/31/2023	53716		CS
					638.000	
110		LOT: 619194569 EAU CLAIRE WI / MADISO...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 619194569 EAU CLAIRE WI / MADISON WI /				
120	100351	BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/16/2023-11/30/2023	54703		CS
					682.000	
130	100351	BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/16/2023-11/30/2023	53716		CS
					638.000	
		Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB				CS
					2,640.000	
		Total Quantity for Invitation				CS
					8,112.000	



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