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Information

Description: 12-3J14-25-B-0126
Bid invitation number: 2000010527
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

**SOLICITATION
Master/Shortfall Invitation**

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 01/17/2025 11:00:00
Offer Due Date : 01/30/2025 13:00:00

Opening date: 01/30/2025 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Master

Additional requested information:

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Solicitation 2000010527 Bulk Apples for Further Processing (Hartford, MI and Richland Center, WI)

REVIEW ALL ATTACHMENTS TO THIS SOLICITATION UNDER THE NOTES AND ATTACHMENTS TAB.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell bulk apples for further processing 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, February 18, 2025. Deliveries are to be made between April 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

The Specialist for this solicitation is Savannah Metoyer (savannah.metoyer@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.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

SET ASIDE: 30% set-aside for Small Business. Also see Schedule of Supplies for details.

Bulk apples supplied for this solicitation must be from the 2024 crop year or newer.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver.

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.

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See attached documents:

- 1 . Master Solicitation October 24, 2024
- 2 . Commodity Specification for Bulk Apples # June 2022
- 3 . Templates for Supplier Agreement Letter
- 4 . USDA GAP AND GHP
- 5 . CommoditySpecificationforFreshFruitJuly2019
- 6 . 2000010527_Estimate of orders_Exhibit 2
- 7 . Part B Schedule_2000010527
- 8 . Instructions for Bidders_2000010527_Bulk Apples April-June 2025

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
 - 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

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RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING IT?

Offeror attached the required Supplier Agreement Letter for every supplier they intend to subcontract

Bid invitation Item details

Item	Material	Description	Quantity
30	FRUIT, FRESH		
40	110149	APPLES FOR FURTHER PROCESSING # BULK	1,275,420.00 0 LB
		Total Quantity for APPLES FOR FURTHER PROCESSING # BULK	1,275,420.00 0 LB
		Total Quantity for Invitation	1,275,420.00 0 LB



Contracting Officer
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