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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: 12-3J14-25-B-0141
Bid invitation number: 2000010542
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 01/08/2025 16:00:00
Offer Due Date : 01/22/2025 13:00:00

Opening date: 01/22/2025 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Dried Fruit Products, SOLICITATION NO: 2000010542

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Dried 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, February 4, 2025. Deliveries are to be made between April 1, 2025 and June 30, 2025.

The specialist for this solicitation is Kimberly Mason, kimberly.mason2@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.

Set asides include:

110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	100% Small Business Set-aside
100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ,,	70% Small Business Set-aside
100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ,,	50% Small Business Set-aside
100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	100% Small Business Set-Aside

Crop Year: 2024 and newer will be acceptable for this solicitation

Type V - Zante Currant Raisins, Unseeded, will not be permitted to be used in any of the raisin purchases.

The raisins may be lightly coated with vegetable oil (not to exceed 0.1%, by weight) for all size packages, or for use in Dried Fruit and Nut Mix.

FRUIT AND NUT MIX - Mixture Tolerance: Plus, or minus (+/-) 5 percent of each ingredient.

CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ - Optional added oil: Must be less than 1.0 percent by weight.

** 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 ten (10) 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 conditions of the contract. Any delivery problems directly attributable to the Government will not be held against the contractor.**

Per FDA regulations, the following minimum mandatory labeling requirements for all foods, whether sold

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or donated, must appear on the label: Name of the food, Manufacturer's name and location, Net weight of the product, Ingredients list, and Allergen declaration. These requirements are codified in 21 CFR 101.2, 101.3, 101.4 and 101.5. See the following link for a guidance manual: <http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/LabelingNutrition/ucm064894.htm>

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 October 2024; the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated January 2021; 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.

The USDA prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.) To file a complaint of

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discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).

See attached documents:

- 1 . CommoditySpecificationforDriedFruitJanuary2021
- 2 . MSCP-D 10-24-2024

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).

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.

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

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

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Permitted values: - 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.

Bid invitation Item details

	Item	Material Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10	FRUIT, DRIED					
20	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ					
30	LOT: 16482 BOCA RATON FL / LARGO FL /					
40	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	04/01/2025-04/15/2025	33487	750.000	CS
50	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	04/01/2025-04/15/2025	33773	750.000	CS
140	BALTIMORE MD					
150	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	05/01/2025-05/15/2025	21227	1,500.000	CS
		Total Quantity for CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ			3,000.000	CS
60	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ					
70	WAYNE NJ					
80	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	04/01/2025-04/15/2025	07470	2,964.000	CS
90	HAUPPAUGE NY					
100	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	04/01/2025-04/15/2025	11788	2,964.000	CS
110	LOT: 453004011 NEWARK NJ / VINELAND NJ /					
120	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	04/01/2025-04/15/2025	07114	1,482.000	CS
130	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	04/01/2025-04/15/2025	08360	1,482.000	CS
210	BATESVILLE MS					
220	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	05/01/2025-05/15/2025	38606	2,964.000	CS

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230 JACKSON MS						
240	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	05/16/2025-05/31/2025	39201		CS
					2,964.000	
250 HOUSTON TX						
260	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	04/01/2025-04/15/2025	77029		CS
					2,964.000	
270	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	06/01/2025-06/15/2025	77029		CS
					2,964.000	
280 LOT: 503095547 BOSTON MA / LOWELL MA /						
290	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	04/01/2025-04/15/2025	02118		CS
					2,223.000	
300	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	04/01/2025-04/15/2025	01851		CS
					741.000	
		Total Quantity for RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ				CS
					23,712.000	
160 FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB						
170 KANSAS CITY MO						
180	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/01/2025-05/15/2025	64161		CS
					1,456.000	
190 SYRACUSE NY						
200	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/16/2025-04/30/2025	13209		CS
					1,456.000	
		Total Quantity for FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB				CS
					2,912.000	
310 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ						
320 LEXINGTON KY						
330	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	04/16/2025-04/30/2025	40511		CS
					1,728.000	
340 BOSTON MA						
350	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	06/01/2025-06/15/2025	02118		CS
					1,728.000	
360 LAS VEGAS NV						
370	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	05/01/2025-05/15/2025	89030		CS
					1,728.000	
380 BRENTWOOD NY						
390	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	05/01/2025-05/15/2025	11717		CS
					1,728.000	

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400 BRONX NY						
410	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	04/01/2025-04/15/2025	10474		CS
					1,728.000	
		Total Quantity for RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ				CS
					8,640.000	
		Total Quantity for Invitation				CS
					38,264.000	

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