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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: 12-3J14-25-B-0142
Bid invitation number: 2000010543
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 01/23/2025 12:00:00
Offer Due Date : 02/06/2025 13:00:00

Opening date: 02/06/2025 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

FROZEN FRUIT, SOLICITATION NO: 2000010543

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offer 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, February 13, 2025. Deliveries are to be made between April 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025.

The Specialists for this solicitation are Nick Cavazos (nicholas.cavazos@usda.gov) and Sergey Tollenaar (sergey.tollenaar@usda.gov). The Contracting Officer for this solicitation is Ashley Train (ashley.train@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.

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

SET ASIDE:

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

CROP YEAR:

The acceptable crop year for these orders is 2024 or newer.

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.

Offerors who intend to use more than one processing plant and shipping point for contracts awarded

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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.

Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated October 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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Customer Service), (800)877-8339 (Local or Federal relay),(866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users)."

See attached documents:

- 1 . CommoditySpecificationforFrozenFruitFebruary2022
- 2 . MSCP Oct 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.

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 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:

- 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 than December 31, 2021, 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, FROZEN						
20 APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-30 LB						
30 WAYNE NJ						
40	100258	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-30 LB	04/01/2025-04/15/2025	07470	1,320.000	CS
50 HAUPPAUGE NY						
60	100258	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-30 LB	04/01/2025-04/15/2025	11788	1,320.000	CS
Total Quantity for APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-30 LB					2,640.000	CS
70 BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB						
80 CHICAGO IL						
90	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/01/2025-04/15/2025	60609	1,320.000	CS
210 BRIDGETON MO						
220	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/16/2025-04/30/2025	63044	1,320.000	CS
Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB					2,640.000	CS

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100 BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB						
110 RIPLEY WV						
120	110624	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB	06/16/2025-06/30/2025	25271		CS
					1,320.000	
Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB						CS
					1,320.000	
130 BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB						
140 AUBURNDALE FL						
150	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	04/01/2025-04/15/2025	33823		CS
					1,440.000	
160 JACKSONVILLE FL						
170	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	04/01/2025-04/15/2025	32254		CS
					1,440.000	
180 LOT: 16487 AUBURNDALE FL / LARGO FL /						
190	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	04/16/2025-04/30/2025	33823		CS
					940.000	
200	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	04/16/2025-04/30/2025	33773		CS
					500.000	
Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB						CS
					4,320.000	
Total Quantity for Invitation						CS
					10,920.000	



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