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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-25-B-0164**
Bid invitation number: **2000010572**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Domestic**

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Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 01/15/2025 13:00:00
Offer Due Date : 01/29/2025 13:00:00

Opening date: 01/29/2025 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

CRACKERS, SOLICITATION 12-3J14-25-B-0164 WBSCM NO: 2000010572

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Crackers pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the domestic food distribution programs. Bids are due by 1pm CT on January 29, 2025. Acceptances will be announced by 5pm CT on February 7, 2025 . Deliveries are to be made between April 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025.

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.

This Acquisition is Unrestricted for Crackers.

The Government will award contracts to eligible HUBZone bidders as provided in the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements, Part II, Section C: 4A52.219-80 The HUBZone Program. If the bidder elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its bid.

The Commodity Requirements Document for Crackers dated March 01, 2020 reference to the Commercial Items Description (CID) for Crackers A-A-20286A dated March 14, 2013 is updated to reference the current version, A-A-20286B dated May 27, 2020.

CID A-A-20286B references two different manufacturing processes for a similar type of cracker (soda vs saltine), USDA Commodity Procurement has the option to allow both when purchasing this product.

Any small business concern proposing to furnish a product that it did not itself manufacture must furnish the product of a small business and, by the offer due date/local time, submit the corresponding supplier agreement to, Attention: Contracting Officer. The supplier agreement shall: be in effect between the offeror and the product manufacturer for the period of contract performance, certify compliance with the applicable solicitation requirements, be on the product manufacturer's company letterhead, and be signed by both parties.

A prospective contractor will be required to provide written evidence of a proposed subcontractor's responsibility including Plant Sanitation and Food Defense surveys. The Contracting Officer will directly determine a prospective subcontractor's responsibility, per FAR 9.104-4.

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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 five (5) 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.

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.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated October 24, 2024, the Commodity Requirements Document for Crackers dated March 01, 2020, or this Solicitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA, AMS, Commodity Procurement Program, Proteins, Grains, and Oilseeds Procurement Division; 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. S-0239; Washington, D.C. 20250-0239. Telephone: (202) 720-4517.

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Certification Questions :

All Bid Certification Questions must be answered. Please utilize the attached Bid Certification Questions document when answering questions.

See attached documents:

- 1 . Crackers CRD
- 2 . Bid Certification Questions
- 3 . MSCP-D

Attributes :

1. SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM).
 - 1a. System for Award Management (SAM)-changes to this solicitation
2. Amendment to Solicitation
3. All USDA contracts with the offeror that have a Not-Later-Than date prior to the solicitation opening:
 - Permitted values:
 - HAVE BEEN DELIVERED
 - HAVE NOT BEEN DELIVERED
 - NO PREVIOUS CONTRACTS
4. Brand name and pack size
5. Plant locations for all items has been verified pursuant to the Place of Performance-Sealed Bidding?
6. Supplier Agreements:
 - Permitted values:
 - YES
 - NO
 - N/A
- 6a. Supplier Agreement-Capability Requirements
7. Commodity Specifications
8. Offeror Contact Information
 - 8a. Emergency Point of Contact
9. GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN)
10. Food Safety Modernization Act
11. Offeror requests HUBZONE Small Business Price Evaluation Preference

Bid invitation Item details

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| Item | Material | Description | Required by | ZipCode | Quantity | |
|---|----------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|------------|----|
| 10 CRACKER PROD, PROC | | | | | | |
| 20 CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | | | | | | |
| 30 NORTH LITTLE ROCK AR | | | | | | |
| 40 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 04/16/2025-04/30/2025 | 72114 | 22,680.000 | LB |
| 50 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 06/01/2025-06/15/2025 | 72114 | 22,680.000 | LB |
| 60 SAN BERNARDINO CA | | | | | | |
| 70 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 04/01/2025-04/15/2025 | 92415 | 22,680.000 | LB |
| 80 GENEVA IL | | | | | | |
| 90 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 04/16/2025-04/30/2025 | 60134 | 22,680.000 | LB |
| 100 KANSAS CITY MO | | | | | | |
| 110 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 04/01/2025-04/15/2025 | 64161 | 22,680.000 | LB |
| 120 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 06/01/2025-06/15/2025 | 64161 | 22,680.000 | LB |
| 130 OFFSHORE: CAGUAS PR | | | | | | |
| 140 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 06/01/2025-06/15/2025 | 00725 | 22,680.000 | LB |
| 150 OFFSHORE: CAROLINA PR | | | | | | |
| 160 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 06/01/2025-06/15/2025 | 00982 | 22,680.000 | LB |
| 170 OFFSHORE: VEGA BAJA PR | | | | | | |
| 180 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 06/01/2025-06/15/2025 | 00693 | 22,680.000 | LB |
| 190 HOUSTON TX | | | | | | |
| 200 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 04/01/2025-04/15/2025 | 77029 | 22,680.000 | LB |
| 210 LOT: 29518211 WICHITA KS / KANSAS CIT... | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 29518211 WICHITA KS / KANSAS CITY MO / | | | | | | |
| 220 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 05/16/2025-05/31/2025 | 67211 | 9,912.000 | LB |
| 230 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 05/16/2025-05/31/2025 | 64129 | 12,768.000 | LB |
| 240 LOT: 195093545 DENVER CO / GRAND JUNC... | | | | | | |

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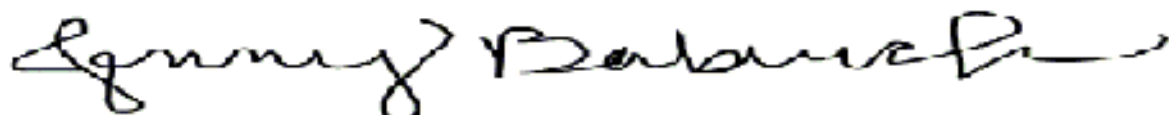
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|---|----------|--|-----------------------|---------|------------|----|
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 195093545 DENVER CO / GRAND JUNCTION CO / | | | | | | |
| 250 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 04/16/2025-04/30/2025 | 80239 | 17,016.000 | LB |
| 260 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 04/16/2025-04/30/2025 | 81505 | 5,664.000 | LB |
| 270 LOT: 230785118 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TUL.. | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 230785118 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TULSA OK / | | | | | | |
| 280 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 04/01/2025-04/15/2025 | 73179 | 13,608.000 | LB |
| 290 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 04/01/2025-04/15/2025 | 74106 | 9,072.000 | LB |
| 300 LOT: 362476391 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TUL.. | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 362476391 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TULSA OK / | | | | | | |
| 310 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 06/01/2025-06/15/2025 | 73179 | 13,608.000 | LB |
| 320 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 06/01/2025-06/15/2025 | 74106 | 9,072.000 | LB |
| 330 LOT: 531035740 CONCORDIA KS / WICHITA... | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 531035740 CONCORDIA KS / WICHITA KS / | | | | | | |
| 340 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 05/16/2025-05/31/2025 | 66901 | 11,232.000 | LB |
| 350 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 05/16/2025-05/31/2025 | 67211 | 11,448.000 | LB |
| 360 LOT: 656151309 CONCORDIA KS / KANSAS ... | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 656151309 CONCORDIA KS / KANSAS CITY MO / | | | | | | |
| 370 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 05/16/2025-05/31/2025 | 66901 | 11,268.000 | LB |
| 380 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 05/16/2025-05/31/2025 | 64129 | 11,412.000 | LB |
| 390 LOT: 897881682 BOSTON MA / CHICOPEE M... | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 897881682 BOSTON MA / CHICOPEE MA / | | | | | | |
| SHREWSBURY MA / | | | | | | |
| 400 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 06/16/2025-06/30/2025 | 02118 | 11,340.000 | LB |
| 410 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 06/16/2025-06/30/2025 | 01020 | 5,676.000 | LB |
| 420 | 100403 | CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | 06/16/2025-06/30/2025 | 01545 | 5,664.000 | LB |

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| Item Material | Description | Required by | ZipCode | Quantity | |
|---------------|--|-------------|---------|-------------|----|
| | Total Quantity for CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ | | | 385,560.000 | LB |
| | Total Quantity for Invitation | | | 385,560.000 | LB |



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