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Information

Description: **12-3J14-25-B-0182**
Bid invitation number: **2000010592**
Purchasing Group: **AMS Dairy**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 01/21/2025 09:20:00
Offer Due Date : 02/04/2025 13:00:00

Opening date: 02/04/2025 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

MOZZARELLA STRING CHEESE, SOLICITATION 12-3J14-25-B-0182 WBSCM NO: 2000010592

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Mozzarella String Cheese pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the domestic food distribution programs. Bids are due by 1pm CT on February 4th, 2025. Acceptances will be announced by 5pm CT on February 18th, 2025. Deliveries are to be made between April 1st, 2025 through April 30th, 2025.

This Acquisition is 35% Set-Aside for Small Business and will have HUBZone preference.

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.

Products offered in response to this solicitation must be manufactured in a plant approved by USDA Dairy Programs.

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.

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.

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

Inquiries about the Master Solicitation, the Commodity Requirements Document, or this Solicitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA, AMS, Commodity Procurement Program, Proteins,

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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 QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED. WHEN ANSWERING QUESTIONS, PLEASE UTILIZE ATTACHED BID CERTIFICATION QUESTIONS DOCUMENT.

See attached documents:

- 1 . Bid Certification Questions 2
- 2 . MSCP 2
- 3 . MozzarellaCheeseCRDAugust2024

Attributes :

- 1. Food Modernization Act
- 2. SAM
- 2a. SAM Certs
- 3. Amendment if applicable
- 4. On Time Deliveries
- 5. Commercial Brand Name
- 6. Plant Location
- 7. Supplier Agreement if applicable
- 7a. Supplier Agreement submitted
- 8. Product meets Commodity CRD
- 9. Contact Name and Email
- 9a. Emergency Contact
- 10. Enter Business Size Standard
 - Permitted values:
 - SMALL BUSINESS
 - SMALL BUSINESS FARMER-OWNED COOP
 - LARGE BUSINESS FARMER-OWNED COOP
 - LARGE BUSINESS

Bid invitation Item details

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
10		CHEESE, MOZZARELLA			
20		CHEESE MOZ LM PT SKM STRING BOX-360/1 OZ			
30		LOT: 164946864 NEWARK NJ / VINELAND NJ /			
40	110396	CHEESE MOZ LM PT SKM STRING	04/01/2025-04/15/2025	07114	LB

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		BOX-360/1 OZ			18,900.000	
50	110396	CHEESE MOZ LM PT SKM STRING	04/01/2025-04/15/2025	08360		LB
		BOX-360/1 OZ			15,120.000	
		Total Quantity for CHEESE MOZ LM PT SKM STRING				LB
		BOX-360/1 OZ			34,020.000	
		Total Quantity for Invitation				LB
					34,020.000	



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