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Agricultural Marketing Service
Commodity Procurement Staff
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Room 3522-S, STOP 0239
Washington, DC 20250-0239

Information

Description: **AG-FFRT-S-16-0145**
Bid invitation number: **2000004279**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

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Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 08/26/2016 14:50:00
Offer Due Date : 09/08/2016 13:00:00

Opening date: 09/08/2016 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Fresh Fruit, SOLICITATION NO: 2000004279

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh 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, September 20, 2016. Deliveries are to be made between October 31, 2016 and December 28, 2016.

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.

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh fruit are required to undergo and pass the USDA AMS SCP Specialty Crop Inspection Division (SCID) Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices (GHP) verification audits, and must score at least 80% on each of the following scopes for each product being offered:

GAP - Farm Review ; Field Harvesting & Field Packing Activities
GHP - House Packing Facility; and Storage & Transportation

All these requirements shall be met PRIOR to the bid opening date.

Brokers are exempt from the GAP/GHP requirements themselves, however its suppliers/subcontractors performing under the contract shall have the applicable USDA GAP/GHP certification(s).

Verification audits shall be performed by the USDA, AMS, SCP-SCID representatives only.

In order to verify that the contractor and/or its subcontractors/suppliers are in compliance with GAP/GHP certification, offerors are required to submit GAP/GHP certificates for all scopes of the contract being performed and for all commodities being offered. Certificates must be uploaded in WBSCM as part of their bids. Bids received without copies of GAP/GHP certificates, or missing one of the scopes specified above for GAP/GHP will be deemed nonresponsive.

Offerors who do not intend to perform the contracts awarded under this solicitation must submit a list of their approved subcontractors/suppliers on separate sheet of paper to be uploaded into WBSCM with their GAP/GHP certificates, and to be submitted with their bids.

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Offerors may contact USDA/AMS after contract award to submit a waiver request for additional suppliers to be added to the approved list on the contract and include copies of their GAP/GHP certificates to the waiver request.

The Fresh Produce Audit Verification Program can be accessed at the following website: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/gapghp.htm>

If USDA/AMS finds that suppliers used by the contractor are not in compliance with AMS GAP/GHP certification requirements after the product is delivered, the following courses of action will apply:

1. The first time non compliance occurs AMS will deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries
2. The second time non compliance occurs:
 - a. USDA/AMS will deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries;
 - b. The contract will be terminated for default; and
 - c. The contractor will be suspended from participating in all future USDA/AMS fresh fruit and vegetable solicitations for a period of one (1) year from the date of contract termination.

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. Also, note that each lot for the split shipments must have the same price.

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

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assistance.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated April 2015, Amendment No. 1 to the Master Solicitation dated June 2015; Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated August 2014, as amended; 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.

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See attached documents:

- 1 . FRESH FRUIT SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT 1 MARCH 2015
- 2 . FRESH FRUIT SPECIFICATION AUGUST 2014
- 3 . AMS Master Solicitation April 2015
- 4 . AMS MASTER SOLICITATION AMENDMENT 1
- 5 . Amendment No 2 AMS Master Solicitation-April 2015

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

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- 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 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

Bid invitation Item details

	Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10	FRUIT, FRESH						
20	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB						
30	ORLANDO FL						
	40	100517	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	32805	924	CS
	50	100517	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB	11/07/2016-11/09/2016	32805	924	CS
	60	100517	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB	12/05/2016-12/07/2016	32805	924	CS
70	NEWARK NJ						
	80	100517	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB	11/28/2016-11/30/2016	07114	924	CS
90	VINELAND NJ						
	100	100517	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB	11/21/2016-11/23/2016	08360	924	CS
110	RUTLAND VT						

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120	100517	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB	11/07/2016-11/09/2016	05701	924	CS
130 LOT: 816778902 DALLAS TX / HOUSTON TX /						
140	100517	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB	11/07/2016-11/09/2016	75247	462	CS
150	100517	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB	11/07/2016-11/09/2016	77029	462	CS
160 LOT: 839019916 AUSTIN TX / PHARR TX /...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 839019916 AUSTIN TX / PHARR TX / SAN ANTONIO TX /						
170	100517	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	78744	362	CS
180	100517	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	78577	362	CS
190	100517	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	78227	200	CS
200 LOT: 893949929 AUSTIN TX / PHARR TX /...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 893949929 AUSTIN TX / PHARR TX / SAN ANTONIO TX /						
210	100517	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB	11/07/2016-11/09/2016	78744	362	CS
220	100517	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB	11/07/2016-11/09/2016	78577	362	CS
230	100517	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB	11/07/2016-11/09/2016	78227	200	CS
Total Quantity for APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB					8,316	CS
240 APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB						
250 LOT: 172401324 HILO HI / HONOLULU HI ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 172401324 HILO HI / HONOLULU HI / LIHUE HI / WAILUKU HI /						
260	110561	APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/14/2016-11/16/2016	96720	225	CS
270	110561	APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/14/2016-11/16/2016	96819	578	CS
280	110561	APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/14/2016-11/16/2016	96766	59	CS
290	110561	APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/14/2016-11/16/2016	96793	118	CS
Total Quantity for APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB					980	CS
300 APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB						
310 CLANTON AL						
320	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	11/21/2016-11/23/2016	35045	1,848	CS
330 NEWARK NJ						
340	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	12/12/2016-12/14/2016	07114	1,848	CS
350 PENNSAUKEN NJ						
360	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	08110	924	CS
370	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	12/05/2016-12/07/2016	08110	924	CS
380 VINELAND NJ						
390	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	12/12/2016-12/14/2016	08360	1,848	CS

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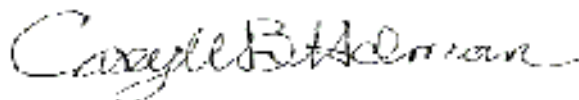
Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
400 LOT: 450156532 EGG HARBOR NJ / VINELA...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 450156532 EGG HARBOR NJ / VINELAND NJ /						
410	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	12/05/2016-12/07/2016	08234	462	CS
420	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	12/05/2016-12/07/2016	08360	462	CS
430 LOT: 792828319 EWING NJ / NEPTUNE NJ /						
440	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	08628	324	CS
450	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	07753	600	CS
460 LOT: 909382272 BIRMINGHAM AL / CLANTO...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 909382272 BIRMINGHAM AL / CLANTON AL /						
470	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	11/21/2016-11/23/2016	35210	551	CS
480	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	11/21/2016-11/23/2016	35045	373	CS
490 LOT: 930840517 EWING NJ / NEPTUNE NJ /						
500	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	12/05/2016-12/07/2016	08628	324	CS
510	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	12/05/2016-12/07/2016	07753	600	CS
520 LOT: 940088488 EGG HARBOR NJ / PHILLI...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 940088488 EGG HARBOR NJ / PHILLIPSBURG NJ / VINELAND NJ /						
530	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	08234	231	CS
540	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	08865	231	CS
550	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	08360	462	CS
Total Quantity for APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB					12,012	CS
560 PEARS BARTLETT FRESH CTN-45 LB						
570 LOT: 71666943 LAS VEGAS NV / RENO NV /						
580	100282	PEARS BARTLETT FRESH CTN-45 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	89101	450	CS
590	100282	PEARS BARTLETT FRESH CTN-45 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	89512	450	CS
600 LOT: 314098888 LAS VEGAS NV / RENO NV /						
610	100282	PEARS BARTLETT FRESH CTN-45 LB	11/07/2016-11/09/2016	89101	450	CS
620	100282	PEARS BARTLETT FRESH CTN-45 LB	11/07/2016-11/09/2016	89512	450	CS
Total Quantity for PEARS BARTLETT FRESH CTN-45 LB					1,800	CS
630 PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB						
640 OAKLAND CA						
650	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	94621	980	CS
660	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/21/2016-11/23/2016	94621	980	CS
670	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	12/12/2016-12/14/2016	94621	980	CS

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680 SAN DIEGO CA						
690	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	92121	980	CS
700	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/28/2016-11/30/2016	92121	980	CS
710 BEAUMONT TX						
720	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	77705	980	CS
730 HOUSTON TX						
740	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	77029	980	CS
750	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/14/2016-11/16/2016	77029	980	CS
760 SAN ANTONIO TX						
770	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	78227	980	CS
780 LOT: 133605104 HILO HI / HONOLULU HI ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 133605104 HILO HI / HONOLULU HI / LIHUE HI / WAILUKU HI /						
790	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/28/2016-11/30/2016	96720	225	CS
800	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/28/2016-11/30/2016	96819	578	CS
810	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/28/2016-11/30/2016	96766	59	CS
820	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/28/2016-11/30/2016	96793	118	CS
830 LOT: 392825910 HILO HI / HONOLULU HI ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 392825910 HILO HI / HONOLULU HI / LIHUE HI / WAILUKU HI /						
840	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	12/26/2016-12/28/2016	96720	225	CS
850	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	12/26/2016-12/28/2016	96819	578	CS
860	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	12/26/2016-12/28/2016	96766	59	CS
870	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	12/26/2016-12/28/2016	96793	118	CS
880 LOT: 427034001 MAPLEWOOD MN / NEW HOP...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 427034001 MAPLEWOOD MN / NEW HOPE MN /						
890	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	55109	741	CS
900	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/31/2016-11/02/2016	55428	239	CS
Total Quantity for PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB					11,760	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					34,868	CS



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