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Washington, DC 20036

## Information

Description: **12-3J14-17-S-0253**  
Bid invitation number: **2000004715**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION Domestic Commodity Invitation

### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 05/04/2017 09:30:00  
Offer Due Date : 05/18/2017 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 05/18/2017 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

Dried Fruit, SOLICITATION NO: 2000004715

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, June 1, 2017. Deliveries are to be made between September 1, 2017 and October 31, 2017.

USDA will accept product produced in the preceding year as long as it was produced according to the applicable Commodity Specification and meets the requirements.

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

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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 2017; the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated April 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 . SPECIFICATION FOR DRIED FRUIT, AMENDMENT NO1 MARCH 2015.
- 2 . SPECIFICATION FOR DRIED FRUIT AUGUST 2014.
- 3 . SPECIFICATION FOR DRIED FRUIT, AMENDMENT NO3 MARCH 2017
- 4 . DRIED FRUIT SPECS AMENDEMENT NO2 APRIL 2016

**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

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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	
<b>10</b>		<b>FRUIT, DRIED</b>				
<b>20</b>		<b>CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ</b>				
<b>30</b>		<b>SACRAMENTO CA</b>				
40	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	95828	1,152	CS
50	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	10/16/2017-10/31/2017	95828	1,152	CS
<b>60</b>		<b>LEXINGTON KY</b>				
70	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	10/16/2017-10/31/2017	40511	1,152	CS
<b>80</b>		<b>JACKSON MS</b>				
90	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	39201	1,152	CS
<b>100</b>		<b>HELENA MT</b>				
110	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	10/16/2017-10/31/2017	59620	1,152	CS
<b>120</b>		<b>VINELAND NJ</b>				

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130	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	08360	1,152	CS
<b>140 LATHAM NY</b>						
150	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	12110	1,152	CS
<b>160 DELMONT PA</b>						
170	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	15626	1,152	CS
<b>180 LINCOLN RI</b>						
190	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	02852	1,152	CS
<b>200 LOT: 9665 BATON ROUGE LA / NEW ORLEAN...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 9665 BATON ROUGE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /						
210	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	70815	576	CS
220	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	70123	576	CS
<b>230 LOT: 37935329 FORT WAYNE IN / SOUTH B...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 37935329 FORT WAYNE IN / SOUTH BEND IN /						
240	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	10/16/2017-10/31/2017	46805	576	CS
250	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	10/16/2017-10/31/2017	46601	576	CS
<b>260 LOT: 114862200 AKRON OH / CINCINNATI ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 114862200 AKRON OH / CINCINNATI OH / TOLEDO OH /						
270	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	44307	384	CS
280	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	45229	384	CS
290	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	43609	384	CS
<b>300 LOT: 988442374 COMSTOCK PARK MI / DET...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 988442374 COMSTOCK PARK MI / DETROIT MI /						
310	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	49321	526	CS
320	100300	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	48207	626	CS
Total Quantity for CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-16/30 OZ					14,976	CS
<b>1050 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ</b>						
<b>1060 GENEVA IL</b>						
1070	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	60134	1,728	CS
<b>1080 SOUTH BEND IN</b>						
1090	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	09/16/2017-09/30/2017	46601	1,728	CS
<b>1100 VINELAND NJ</b>						
1110	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/16/2017-10/31/2017	08360	1,728	CS
<b>1120 BRONX NY</b>						
1130	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	09/16/2017-09/30/2017	10474	1,728	CS
<b>1140 ELMIRA NY</b>						

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	1150	100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	09/01/2017-09/15/2017	14903	1,728	CS
<b>1160 ELMSFORD NY</b>						
	1170	100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	10523	1,728	CS
<b>1180 DUQUESNE PA</b>						
	1190	100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	15110	1,728	CS
<b>1200 PHILADELPHIA PA</b>						
	1210	100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	09/01/2017-09/15/2017	19129	1,728	CS
<b>1220 OFFSHORE: BAYAMON PR</b>						
	1230	100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	00960	1,728	CS
<b>1240 LINCOLN RI</b>						
	1250	100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	09/01/2017-09/15/2017	02852	1,728	CS
<b>1260 VERONA VA</b>						
	1270	100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	09/01/2017-09/15/2017	24482	1,728	CS
<b>1280 LOT: 3513031 JACKSONVILLE FL / MILTON...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 3513031 JACKSONVILLE FL / MILTON FL / TALLAHASSEE FL /						
	1290	100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	32206	576	CS
	1300	100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	32583	576	CS
	1310	100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	32310	576	CS
<b>1320 LOT: 65732760 FORT MYERS FL / ORLANDO...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 65732760 FORT MYERS FL / ORLANDO FL / TAMPA FL /						
	1330	100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	33901	576	CS
	1340	100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	32805	576	CS
	1350	100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	33605	576	CS
<b>1360 LOT: 74629289 CLEVELAND OH / DAYTON O...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 74629289 CLEVELAND OH / DAYTON OH / GROVE CITY OH /						
	1370	100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/16/2017-10/31/2017	44110	576	CS
	1380	100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/16/2017-10/31/2017	45417	576	CS
	1390	100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/16/2017-10/31/2017	43123	576	CS
<b>1400 LOT: 112545164 MONTGOMERY AL / THEODO...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 112545164 MONTGOMERY AL / THEODORE AL /						
	1410	100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	09/01/2017-09/15/2017	36108	867	CS
	1420	100295 RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	09/01/2017-09/15/2017	36582	861	CS
<b>1430 LOT: 151135240 EAST STROUDSBURG PA / ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 151135240 EAST STROUDSBURG PA / HARRISBURG PA /						

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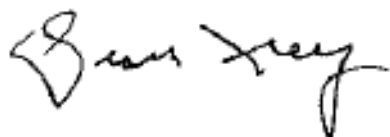
Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
1440	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/16/2017-10/31/2017	18360	432	CS
1450	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/16/2017-10/31/2017	17109	1,296	CS
<b>1460 LOT: 172586755 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 172586755 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE SC / NO CHARLESTON SC /						
1470	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/16/2017-10/31/2017	29803	277	CS
1480	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/16/2017-10/31/2017	29611	1,019	CS
1490	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/16/2017-10/31/2017	29405	432	CS
<b>1500 LOT: 203365668 FLINT MI / LANSING MI ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 203365668 FLINT MI / LANSING MI / OAK PARK MI /						
1510	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	09/01/2017-09/15/2017	48507	346	CS
1520	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	09/01/2017-09/15/2017	48906	724	CS
1530	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	09/01/2017-09/15/2017	48237	658	CS
<b>1540 LOT: 226572472 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 226572472 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE SC / NO CHARLESTON SC /						
1550	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	09/16/2017-09/30/2017	29803	277	CS
1560	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	09/16/2017-09/30/2017	29611	1,019	CS
1570	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	09/16/2017-09/30/2017	29405	432	CS
<b>1580 LOT: 248305011 ERIE PA / JENKINS TOWN...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 248305011 ERIE PA / JENKINS TOWNSHIP PA /						
1590	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	09/01/2017-09/15/2017	16501	864	CS
1600	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	09/01/2017-09/15/2017	18640	864	CS
<b>1610 LOT: 318560835 FORT PIERCE FL / HOMES...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 318560835 FORT PIERCE FL / HOMESTEAD FL / PEMBROKE PARK FL /						
1620	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	34947	576	CS
1630	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	33033	576	CS
1640	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	33023	576	CS
<b>1650 LOT: 476852341 BIRMINGHAM AL / HUNTSV...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 476852341 BIRMINGHAM AL / HUNTSVILLE AL /						
1660	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	09/01/2017-09/15/2017	35209	749	CS
1670	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	09/01/2017-09/15/2017	35805	979	CS
<b>1680 LOT: 478912282 BIRMINGHAM AL / MONTGO...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 478912282 BIRMINGHAM AL / MONTGOMERY AL /						
1690	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	35209	743	CS

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1700	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	36108	985	CS
<b>1710 LOT: 642232540 AUBURN ME / CONCORD NH /</b>						
1720	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/16/2017-10/31/2017	04210	864	CS
1730	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/16/2017-10/31/2017	03301	864	CS
<b>1740 LOT: 646622915 WALLINGFORD CT / RUTLA...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 646622915 WALLINGFORD CT / RUTLAND VT /						
1750	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	06492	864	CS
1760	100295	RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ	10/01/2017-10/15/2017	05701	864	CS
<b>Total Quantity for RAISINS PKG-24/15 OZ</b>					<b>43,200</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>					<b>58,176</b>	<b>CS</b>



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