

**United States Department of Agriculture**  
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Room 3522-S, STOP 0239  
Washington, DC 20036

## Information

Description: **12-3J14-18-S-0044**  
Bid invitation number: **2000005049**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 10/31/2017 09:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 11/14/2017 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 11/14/2017 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

Fresh Citrus, SOLICITATION NO: 2000005049

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Fresh Citrus 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, November 28, 2017. Deliveries are to be made between January 08, 2018 and March 28, 2018.

ATTENTION: 100283-ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB is a 100% Small Business Set-Aside.

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 (Offeror) are exempt from the GAP/GHP requirements themselves, however its suppliers/subcontractors performing under the contract shall have the applicable USDA GAHP/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 encouraged to submit GAP/GHP certificates for all scopes of the contract being performed and for all commodities being offered. Offerors shall submit a list of approved GAP/GHP suppliers and shipping points on a separate sheet of paper to be uploaded in WBSCM, and to be submitted with their bids.

Offerors who do not intend to perform the contracts awarded under this solicitation must submit a list of their approved subcontractors/suppliers on a 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/services/auditing/gap-ghp>

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 assistance.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated April 2017; Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated June 2014; or this

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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 FRESH CITRUS AUGUST 2014
- 2 . Master Solicitation April 2017

**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

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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**

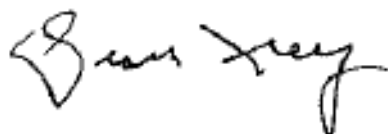
Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
<b>10</b>		<b>FRUIT, FRESH</b>				
<b>20</b>		<b>ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB</b>				
<b>30</b>		<b>BIRMINGHAM AL</b>				
40	100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	01/08/2018-01/10/2018	35210	1,026	CS
50	100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	01/29/2018-01/31/2018	35210	2,052	CS
60	100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	04/02/2018-04/04/2018	35210	2,052	CS
<b>70</b>		<b>CLANTON AL</b>				
80	100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	01/08/2018-01/10/2018	35045	3,078	CS
90	100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	01/29/2018-01/31/2018	35045	2,052	CS
<b>100</b>		<b>LOT: 67120673 BIRMINGHAM AL / CLANTON...</b>				
		<b>Tendering text - Item : LOT: 67120673 BIRMINGHAM AL / CLANTON AL /</b>				
110	100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	01/29/2018-01/31/2018	35210	566	CS
120	100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	01/29/2018-01/31/2018	35045	460	CS
<b>130</b>		<b>LOT: 159147317 FORT MILL SC / LEXINGT...</b>				
		<b>Tendering text - Item : LOT: 159147317 FORT MILL SC / LEXINGTON SC /</b>				
140	100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	02/26/2018-02/28/2018	29715	800	CS
150	100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	02/26/2018-02/28/2018	29072	226	CS
<b>160</b>		<b>LOT: 161185760 FORT MILL SC / LEXINGT...</b>				
		<b>Tendering text - Item : LOT: 161185760 FORT MILL SC / LEXINGTON SC /</b>				

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170	100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	03/26/2018-03/28/2018	29715	800	CS
180	100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	03/26/2018-03/28/2018	29072	226	CS
<b>190 LOT: 244909191 FORT MILL SC / LEXINGT...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 244909191 FORT MILL SC / LEXINGTON SC /						
200	100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	02/05/2018-02/07/2018	29715	800	CS
210	100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	02/05/2018-02/07/2018	29072	226	CS
<b>220 LOT: 292709786 BIRMINGHAM AL / CLANTO...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 292709786 BIRMINGHAM AL / CLANTON AL /						
230	100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	01/08/2018-01/10/2018	35210	567	CS
240	100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	01/08/2018-01/10/2018	35045	459	CS
<b>250 LOT: 745110989 FORT MILL SC / LEXINGT...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 745110989 FORT MILL SC / LEXINGTON SC /						
260	100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	01/08/2018-01/10/2018	29715	800	CS
270	100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	01/08/2018-01/10/2018	29072	226	CS
<b>Total Quantity for ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB</b>					<b>16,416</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>					<b>16,416</b>	<b>CS</b>



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