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Information

Description: **12-3J14-18-B-0310**
Bid invitation number: **2000005404**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

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Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 06/05/2018 13:00:00
Offer Due Date : 06/19/2018 13:00:00

Opening date: 06/19/2018 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

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(Bulk Potatoes for Processing), SOLICITATION NO: 2000005404

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell bulk potatoes for further processing 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, Tuesday, July 3rd, 2018. Deliveries are to be made between August 1st, 2018 and December 31st, 2018.

ATTENTION: THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS HAVE BEEN SET-ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONSIDERATION.

100506- Potato Bulk for Process FRZ- 100% Total Small Business Set-Aside
100980- Sweet Potato Bulk Fresh Proc- 50% Total 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 vegetables 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 a list of GAP/GHP certified shippers and suppliers for all scopes of the contract being performed and for all commodities being offered. This list must be uploaded in WBSCM as part of their bids. Bids received without this list, or missing one of the scopes specified above for GAP/GHP will be deemed nonresponsive.

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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.

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.

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; the Commodity Specification for Bulk Products for Further Processing, dated August 2012, 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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individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.) To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users)

See attached documents:

- 1 . BULK PRODUCTS AMENDMENT NO 2 MAY 2013
- 2 . BULK PRODUCTS AMENDMENT NO1 JUNE 2012
- 3 . BULK PRODUCTS FOR FURTHER PROCESSING AUG 2012
- 4 . BULK PRODUCTS AMENDMENT NO 3 OCTOBER 2017
- 5 . 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 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

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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 VEGETABLE, FRESH						
20 POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ						
30 EASTON ME						
40	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	09/01/2018-09/15/2018	04740	2,010,509	LB
50	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	09/16/2018-09/30/2018	04740	7,003,771	LB
60	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	10/01/2018-10/15/2018	04740	5,160,000	LB
70	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	10/16/2018-10/31/2018	04740	13,037,250	LB
580	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/01/2018-11/15/2018	04740	9,962,750	LB
590	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/16/2018-11/30/2018	04740	3,247,968	LB
600	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	12/01/2018-12/15/2018	04740	8,259,741	LB
610	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	12/16/2018-12/31/2018	04740	2,080,000	LB
80 JAMESTOWN ND						
90	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	09/16/2018-09/30/2018	58401	400,000	LB
100	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	10/01/2018-10/15/2018	58401	485,687	LB
620	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/01/2018-11/15/2018	58401	40,000	LB
110 CONNELL WA						
120	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	08/01/2018-08/15/2018	99326	2,060,884	LB
130	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	08/16/2018-08/31/2018	99326	720,000	LB
140	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	09/01/2018-09/15/2018	99326	826,463	LB
150	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	09/16/2018-09/30/2018	99326	1,030,000	LB
160	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	10/01/2018-10/15/2018	99326	1,598,147	LB
170	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	10/16/2018-10/31/2018	99326	840,000	LB

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630	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/01/2018-11/15/2018	99326	1,102,350	LB
640	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/16/2018-11/30/2018	99326	2,240,000	LB
650	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	12/01/2018-12/15/2018	99326	1,990,000	LB
660	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	12/16/2018-12/31/2018	99326	640,000	LB
180 OTHELLO WA						
190	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	08/01/2018-08/15/2018	99344	1,042,715	LB
200	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	08/16/2018-08/31/2018	99344	406,200	LB
210	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	09/01/2018-09/15/2018	99344	1,118,810	LB
220	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	09/16/2018-09/30/2018	99344	302,000	LB
230	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	10/01/2018-10/15/2018	99344	3,004,124	LB
240	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	10/16/2018-10/31/2018	99344	1,100,000	LB
670	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/01/2018-11/15/2018	99344	1,627,750	LB
680	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/16/2018-11/30/2018	99344	1,320,000	LB
690	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	12/01/2018-12/15/2018	99344	1,820,000	LB
700	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	12/16/2018-12/31/2018	99344	800,000	LB
250 PASCO WA						
260	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	08/01/2018-08/15/2018	99301	40,000	LB
270	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	08/16/2018-08/31/2018	99301	160,000	LB
280	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	09/01/2018-09/15/2018	99301	160,000	LB
290	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	10/01/2018-10/15/2018	99301	120,000	LB
300	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	10/16/2018-10/31/2018	99301	160,000	LB
710	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/01/2018-11/15/2018	99301	120,000	LB
310 WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI						
320	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	09/01/2018-09/15/2018	54494	7,480,000	LB
330	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	09/16/2018-09/30/2018	54494	2,480,000	LB
340	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	10/01/2018-10/15/2018	54494	2,492,015	LB
350	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	10/16/2018-10/31/2018	54494	6,520,000	LB
720	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/01/2018-11/15/2018	54494	6,480,265	LB
730	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/16/2018-11/30/2018	54494	2,480,000	LB
740	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	12/01/2018-12/15/2018	54494	4,613,334	LB
Total Quantity for POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ					110582,733	LB
360 POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK						
370 BLACKFOOT ID						
380	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	10/01/2018-10/15/2018	83221	3,072,485	LB

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390	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	10/16/2018-10/31/2018	83221	760,000	LB
750	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	11/01/2018-11/15/2018	83221	1,520,000	LB
760	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	11/16/2018-11/30/2018	83221	1,155,923	LB
770	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	12/01/2018-12/15/2018	83221	781,876	LB
780	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	12/16/2018-12/31/2018	83221	480,000	LB
400 LEWISVILLE ID						
410	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	10/01/2018-10/15/2018	83431	1,092,105	LB
420	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	10/16/2018-10/31/2018	83431	503,000	LB
790	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	11/01/2018-11/15/2018	83431	400,000	LB
800	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	11/16/2018-11/30/2018	83431	541,180	LB
810	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	12/01/2018-12/15/2018	83431	320,000	LB
820	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	12/16/2018-12/31/2018	83431	251,261	LB
430 MOSES LAKE WA						
440	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	10/01/2018-10/15/2018	98837	192,762	LB
450	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	10/16/2018-10/31/2018	98837	80,000	LB
830	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	11/01/2018-11/15/2018	98837	80,000	LB
840	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	11/16/2018-11/30/2018	98837	80,000	LB
850	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	12/01/2018-12/15/2018	98837	80,000	LB
860	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	12/16/2018-12/31/2018	98837	40,000	LB
Total Quantity for POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK					11,430,592	LB

460 SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
470 DELHI LA						
480	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	08/13/2018-08/15/2018	71232	174,952	LB
490	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	08/29/2018-08/31/2018	71232	120,000	LB
500	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	09/13/2018-09/15/2018	71232	61,235	LB
510	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	09/28/2018-09/30/2018	71232	80,000	LB
520	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	10/13/2018-10/15/2018	71232	171,000	LB
870	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	11/13/2018-11/15/2018	71232	80,000	LB
880	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	12/13/2018-12/15/2018	71232	51,058	LB
530 GRAND FORKS ND						
540	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	08/13/2018-08/15/2018	58203	90,746	LB
550	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	09/13/2018-09/15/2018	58203	120,000	LB
560	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	10/13/2018-10/15/2018	58203	94,810	LB
570	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	10/29/2018-10/31/2018	58203	80,000	LB
890	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	11/13/2018-11/15/2018	58203	40,000	LB
900	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	12/13/2018-12/15/2018	58203	40,000	LB
Total Quantity for SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC					1,203,801	LB
Total Quantity for Invitation					123217,126	LB



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