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#### **Information**

Description: **12-3J14-18-B-0329**  
Bid invitation number: **2000005429**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

#### **SOLICITATION** **Master/Shortfall Invitation**

##### **Bid invitation Overview**

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 07/27/2018 09:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 08/10/2018 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 08/10/2018 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Master

##### **Additional requested information:**

##### **Tendering text - Header :**

CANNED AND FROZEN VEGETABLE PRODUCTS, SOLICITATION NO: 2000005429 (ROUND 3)

The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) requests offers to sell Canned and Frozen Vegetable Products pursuant to the attached Invitation for Bids (IFB) solicitation document for use in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and other Federal food and nutrition assistance programs.

Awards will be announced by Midnight, Tuesday, August 28, 2018. Deliveries are to be made between July 1, 2019 and September 30, 2019.

All offerors should reference the Vegetable Invitation For Bids (IFB) IDIQ 2000005429 document attached to this solicitation for more information.

QUESTIONS regarding this IFB are due on or before 3:00 pm Central Time, on Thursday, August 2, 2018, via email only, to Barbara Nelson, at [Barbara.Nelson@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Barbara.Nelson@ams.usda.gov). Please use Questions Concerning Solicitation 2000005429 Canned & Frozen Vegetable IDIQ as the subject line. Vendors are required to submit all questions no later than the deadline specified above. Untimely question submissions may not be answered. Answers to questions will be issued in writing via an amendment to the solicitation.

##### **SET ASIDES:**

100307- BEANS GREEN CAN- 6/10: Small Business, 25%  
100331- POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN- 24/300: Small Business, 50%

Checkloading: The requirements for checkloading by USDA inspectors outlined in the Commodity Specifications for Frozen Vegetables are NOT applicable to contracts awarded under this solicitation, for the following products ONLY:

Frozen Corn CTN-30 LB (Material 100348) and Frozen Green Peas CTN-30 LB (Material 100350)

Pack Year: USDA will accept product produced in calendar year 2018 and calendar year 2019 for deliveries made under resulting contracts.

Canned products will be accepted for up to 18 months from date of inspection.

Offerors who intend to use more than one processing plant and shipping point for contracts awarded under

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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 proposals.

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.

Bids to the off-shore destination(s), i.e., Puerto Rico, should be submitted with pricing for delivery to the Port of Jacksonville (State of Florida). Pricing to Florida should factor in all costs associated with final delivery, including any port fees. Delivery to the final (offshore) destination is not an option.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

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

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.

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**See attached documents:**

- 1 . Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements (April 2017)
- 2 . Commodity Spec for Canned Vegetables May 2017
- 3 . Canned Vegetable Amendment 1 Jan 2018

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- 4 . Commodity Spec for Frozen Vegetables Jun 2017
- 5 . Frozen Vegetable Amendment 1 Apr 2018
- 6 . Frozen Vegetables Amendment 2 May 2018
- 7 . Part B Round 3
- 8 . Exhibit 2 Round 3
- 9 . Vegetable IDIQ IFB 2000005429 Round 3

**Attributes :**

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

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 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

Offeror certifies that the offer is made subject to the USDA Specification; this solicitation; the Agriculture Acquisition Regulations (AGAR); and the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR).

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

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- Have not been delivered, but the Offeror has notified the Contracting Officer
- There are no existing contracts/purchase orders

**Bid invitation Item details**

Item	Material	Description	Quantity
<b>210 VEGETABLE, CANNED</b>			
220	100311	CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300	CS
			238,860.000
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300</b>	CS
			238,860.000
230	100307	BEANS GREEN CAN-6/10	CS
			105,792.000
		<b>Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN CAN-6/10</b>	CS
			105,792.000
240	100331	POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300	CS
			96,390.000
		<b>Total Quantity for POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300</b>	CS
			96,390.000
250	100313	CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10	CS
			89,376.000
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10</b>	CS
			89,376.000
260	100329	TOMATO DICED CAN-6/10	CS
			30,096.000
		<b>Total Quantity for TOMATO DICED CAN-6/10</b>	CS
			30,096.000
270	100315	PEAS CAN-6/10	CS
			15,504.000
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-6/10</b>	CS
			15,504.000
280	100310	CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300	CS
			40,500.000
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300</b>	CS
			40,500.000
290	100314	PEAS CAN-24/300	CS
			134,460.000
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-24/300</b>	CS
			134,460.000
300	100306	BEANS GREEN CAN-24/300	CS

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		<b>Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN CAN-24/300</b>	238,140.000 CS
310	100328	TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300	160,380.000 CS
		<b>Total Quantity for TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300</b>	160,380.000 CS
320	100320	VEG MIX CAN-24/300	170,100.000 CS
		<b>Total Quantity for VEG MIX CAN-24/300</b>	170,100.000 CS
<b>330 VEGETABLE, FROZEN</b>			
340	100351	BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	56,760.000 CS
		<b>Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>	56,760.000 CS
350	100352	CARROTS FRZ CTN-30 LB	42,240.000 CS
		<b>Total Quantity for CARROTS FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>	42,240.000 CS
360	100350	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	27,720.000 CS
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>	27,720.000 CS
370	110763	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	18,480.000 CS
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB</b>	18,480.000 CS
380	110871	MIXED VEGETABLES FRZ CTN-30 LB	2,640.000CS
		<b>Total Quantity for MIXED VEGETABLES FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>	2,640.000CS
390	100348	CORN FRZ CTN-30 LB	130,020.000 CS
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>	130,020.000 CS
		<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>	1,597,458.00 CS

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Item Material Description	Quantity
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