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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-18-B-0380**
Bid invitation number: **2000005497**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 07/12/2018 13:00:00
Offer Due Date : 07/26/2018 13:00:00

Opening date: 07/26/2018 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Fresh Fruit, SOLICITATION NO: 2000005497

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, August 9, 2018. Deliveries are to be made between September 3, 2018 to December 19, 2018.

PEARS BARTLETT FRESH CTN- 45LB (100282), PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB (100280), PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB (110560) are a 100% Total Small Business Set Aside. NAICS Code 311991 with a size standard of 500 employees or less applies to this requirement.

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 a list of GAP/GHP certified suppliers and shippers 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 are 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.

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

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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. Bidders may submit different prices for each stop. However, a price is required on all line items within the lot.

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. Once awarded substitutions for variety changes will not be permitted. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated April 2017; the Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit; 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 . AMS Master Solicitation dated April 2017
- 2 . Fresh Fruit Specification

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 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.

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Permitted values: - Yes
 - No
 - N/A

Bid invitation Item details

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10 FRUIT, FRESH						
20 PEARS BARTLETT FRESH CTN-45 LB						
30 GENEVA IL						
40	100282	PEARS BARTLETT FRESH CTN-45 LB	09/10/2018-09/12/2018	60134	900	CS
50 SAN ANTONIO TX						
60	100282	PEARS BARTLETT FRESH CTN-45 LB	09/03/2018-09/05/2018	78277	900	CS
70	100282	PEARS BARTLETT FRESH CTN-45 LB	10/08/2018-10/10/2018	78277	900	CS
80	100282	PEARS BARTLETT FRESH CTN-45 LB	11/05/2018-11/07/2018	78277	900	CS
Total Quantity for PEARS BARTLETT FRESH CTN-45 LB					3,600	CS
90 PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB						
100 ATLANTA GA						
110	100280	PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB	12/03/2018-12/05/2018	30318	900	CS
120 CHICAGO IL						
130	100280	PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB	10/01/2018-10/03/2018	60632	900	CS
140	100280	PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB	11/05/2018-11/07/2018	60632	900	CS
150 JACKSON MS						
160	100280	PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB	11/19/2018-11/21/2018	39201	900	CS
170	100280	PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB	12/17/2018-12/19/2018	39201	900	CS
180 BRONX NY						
190	100280	PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB	11/05/2018-11/07/2018	10474	900	CS
Total Quantity for PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB					5,400	CS
200 PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB						
210 ATLANTA GA						
220	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	09/10/2018-09/12/2018	30318	980	CS
230	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/29/2018-10/31/2018	30318	980	CS
240 BALTIMORE MD						
250	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	09/10/2018-09/12/2018	21227	980	CS
260 JACKSON MS						
270	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	09/03/2018-09/05/2018	39201	980	CS

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280	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/29/2018-10/31/2018	39201	980	CS
290 LAS VEGAS NV						
300	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	09/24/2018-09/26/2018	89115	980	CS
310	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/29/2018-10/31/2018	89115	980	CS
320 MCCARRAN NV						
330	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	09/03/2018-09/05/2018	89434	980	CS
340 BRONX NY						
350	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	09/03/2018-09/05/2018	10474	980	CS
360	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	09/17/2018-09/19/2018	10474	980	CS
370	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/01/2018-10/03/2018	10474	980	CS
380	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/15/2018-10/17/2018	10474	980	CS
390	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/29/2018-10/31/2018	10474	980	CS
400	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/12/2018-11/14/2018	10474	980	CS
410	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/26/2018-11/28/2018	10474	980	CS
420	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	12/10/2018-12/12/2018	10474	980	CS
430 BUFFALO NY						
440	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	11/05/2018-11/07/2018	14206	980	CS
450 SAN ANTONIO TX						
460	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	09/10/2018-09/12/2018	78277	980	CS
470	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/22/2018-10/24/2018	78277	980	CS
480	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	12/03/2018-12/05/2018	78277	980	CS
490 LOT: 104606025 CLEARWATER FL / TAMPA ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 104606025 CLEARWATER FL / TAMPA FL /						
500	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	09/10/2018-09/12/2018	33756	245	CS
510	110560	PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	09/10/2018-09/12/2018	33605	735	CS
Total Quantity for PEARS FRESH PKG-12/3 LB					20,580	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					29,580	CS

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Contracting officer

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