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Washington, DC 20036

## Information

Description: 12-3J14-19-B-0149  
Bid invitation number: 2000005837  
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

## SOLICITATION Domestic Commodity Invitation

### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 01/11/2019 13:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 01/25/2019 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 01/25/2019 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

Dried Fruit & Tree Nut, SOLICITATION NO: 2000005837

This invitation for bids is part of the Food Purchase and Distribution Program under the authority of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), with the purpose to assist farmers in response to trade damage from unjustified retaliation. Funding for this purchase is under Section 5 of the CCC Charter Act.

Offerors who place a bid on this solicitation are agreeing to ALL terms and conditions outlined in the MSCP, specifications, and other attached documents. Late bids will NOT be accepted. Modifications of bids after bid opening date will NOT be accepted. Failure to adhere to contract terms and conditions may result in Termination for Default.

Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Monday February 11, 2019. Deliveries are to be made between 4/1/2019 and 6/30/2019.

In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.203-2 (as found in SAM.gov representations and certifications) offerors have certified that the prices in their offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor. In accordance with procedures outlined in FAR 3.301, suspicion of collusive activities shall result in a rejection of the offeror(s) by the contracting officer. As such, contracting personnel are an important potential source of investigative leads for antitrust enforcement; USDA/AMS is required by 41 U.S.C. 3707 and 10 U.S.C. 2305(b)(9) to report any bids or proposals that evidence a violation of the antitrust laws.

The requirements for checkloading by USDA inspectors outlined in the attached Commodity Specifications are NOT applicable to contracts awarded under this solicitation. Note- Checkloading may still be performed by USDA Inspections Staff as outlined in the commodity specifications, at the expense of the contractor, however it is not required for contracts awarded under this solicitation.

Pack Year - Product produced in 2018 and 2019 will be accepted.

For FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB (100297): Ingredients composed of the following combination in equal portions, 20 percent of each product: Dried (evaporated) apples, dried cranberries; dried fig pieces, pecan pieces, and walnuts piece. Mixture tolerance for this item is plus or minus 2 percent of each ingredient. Refer to the appropriate Commodity Specifications and amendments for quality requirements.

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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 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 Federal Purchase Program Specification 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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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 . Master Solicitation 2017
- 2 . Dried Fruit Specifications
- 3 . Amendment to Dried Fruit Specifications
- 4 . Specifications for Shelled Nuts
- 5 . Amendment to Shelled Nuts Specifications
- 6 . Specifications for in Shell Pistachios and Shelled Pecans

**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.

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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 FRUIT, DRIED</b>					
<b>20 FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB</b>					
<b>30 PHOENIX AZ</b>					
40	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/01/2019-05/15/2019	85009	CS 1,456.000
<b>50 SACRAMENTO CA</b>					
60	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	95828	CS 1,456.000
70	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/01/2019-05/15/2019	95828	CS 1,456.000
80	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/16/2019-05/31/2019	95828	CS 1,456.000
<b>90 CHICAGO IL</b>					
100	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	60632	CS 1,456.000
<b>110 LAFAYETTE LA</b>					
120	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/01/2019-05/15/2019	70505	CS 1,456.000
<b>130 JACKSON MS</b>					
140	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	39201	CS 1,456.000
150	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/16/2019-05/31/2019	39201	CS

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					1,456.000	
<b>160</b>		<b>VINELAND NJ</b>				
170	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	08360		CS
					1,456.000	
<b>180</b>		<b>BRONX NY</b>				
190	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/01/2019-05/15/2019	10474		CS
					1,456.000	
<b>200</b>		<b>SALT LAKE CITY UT</b>				
210	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/16/2019-05/31/2019	84119		CS
					1,456.000	
<b>220</b>		<b>KENT WA</b>				
230	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	98032		CS
					1,456.000	
<b>240</b>		<b>LOT: 59788604 DELMONT PA / ERIE PA / ...</b>				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 59788604 DELMONT PA / ERIE PA / SHARON PA /				
250	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	15626		CS
					364.000	
260	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	16501		CS
					728.000	
270	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	16146		CS
					364.000	
<b>280</b>		<b>LOT: 161606668 LATHAM NY / SYRACUSE NY /</b>				
290	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	06/01/2019-06/15/2019	12110		CS
					1,092.000	
300	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	06/01/2019-06/15/2019	13209		CS
					364.000	
<b>310</b>		<b>LOT: 176386411 FORT WAYNE IN / SOUTH ...</b>				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 176386411 FORT WAYNE IN / SOUTH BEND IN /				
320	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	46805		CS
					728.000	
330	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	46601		CS
					728.000	
<b>340</b>		<b>LOT: 271461135 CLEVELAND OH / GROVE C...</b>				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 271461135 CLEVELAND OH / GROVE CITY OH /				
		LOGAN OH /				
350	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	44110		CS
					480.000	

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360	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	43123	480.000	CS
370	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	43138	496.000	CS
<b>380 LOT: 387108017 BATTLE CREEK MI / COMS...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 387108017 BATTLE CREEK MI / COMSTOCK PARK MI / FLINT MI /						
390	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	49016	295.000	CS
400	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	49321	721.000	CS
410	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	48503	440.000	CS
<b>420 LOT: 393379424 LAGRANGE GA / MACON GA /</b>						
430	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/16/2019-05/31/2019	30240	728.000	CS
440	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/16/2019-05/31/2019	31217	728.000	CS
<b>450 LOT: 448753407 BRADENTON FL / FORT MY...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 448753407 BRADENTON FL / FORT MYERS FL / SARASOTA FL /						
460	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	34203	364.000	CS
470	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	33901	728.000	CS
480	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	34240	364.000	CS
<b>490 LOT: 515176383 LEXA AR / LITTLE ROCK ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 515176383 LEXA AR / LITTLE ROCK AR / RUSSELLVILLE AR /						
500	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	72355	250.000	CS
510	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	72209	956.000	CS
520	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	72802	250.000	CS
<b>530 LOT: 604391810 SALEM VA / HUNTINGTON ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 604391810 SALEM VA / HUNTINGTON WV /						

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540	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	24153		CS
					728.000	
550	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	25701		CS
					728.000	
<b>560 LOT: 876160536 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TUL...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 876160536 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TULSA OK /						
570	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	73179		CS
					874.000	
580	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	74106		CS
					582.000	
<b>590 LOT: 2233445566 CREEDMOOR NC / SALISB..</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 2233445566 CREEDMOOR NC / SALISBURY NC /						
600	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/16/2019-04/30/2019	27522		CS
					728.000	
610	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/16/2019-04/30/2019	28147		CS
					728.000	
<b>Total Quantity for FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB</b>						<b>CS</b>
					<b>33,488.000</b>	
<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>						<b>CS</b>
					<b>33,488.000</b>	



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