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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-19-B-0157**
Bid invitation number: **2000005848**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 01/15/2019 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, SOLICITATION NO: 2000005848

**** This Purchase will be made under the authority of Section 32.****

*** Product produced in calendar year 2017 and 2018 will be accepted.***

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell DRIED 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, February 15, 2019. Deliveries are to be made between April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

**** For FRUIT MIX DRIED PKG-5/5 LB (110161): Ingredients composed of the following combination in equal portions, 25 percent of each product: Dried cranberries; dried cherries; dried apple; and raisins, mixture tolerance for this item is plus or minus 3 percent of each ingredient.****

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.

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.

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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 Specifications Document and Amendment; 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 . MASTER SOLICITATION
- 2 . COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS DOCUMENT
- 3 . DRIED FRUIT AMENDMENT

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

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- 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.

- Permitted values:
- N/A
 - No
 - Yes

Bid invitation Item details

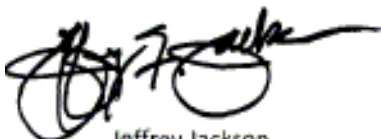
Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10		FRUIT, DRIED				
20		FRUIT MIX DRIED PKG-5/5 LB				
30		SACRAMENTO CA				
40	110161	FRUIT MIX DRIED PKG-5/5 LB	06/01/2019-06/15/2019	95814	1,456.000	CS
50		RIPLEY WV				
60	110161	FRUIT MIX DRIED PKG-5/5 LB	06/16/2019-06/30/2019	25271	1,456.000	CS
Total Quantity for FRUIT MIX DRIED PKG-5/5 LB					2,912.000	CS

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
70 CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ						
80 ONTARIO CA						
90	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	04/01/2019-04/15/2019	91761	1,500.000	CS
100 POMONA CA						
110	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	06/01/2019-06/15/2019	91767	1,500.000	CS
120 CHICAGO IL						
130	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	04/16/2019-04/30/2019	60609	1,500.000	CS
140 DALLAS TX						
150	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	05/01/2019-05/15/2019	75215	1,500.000	CS
Total Quantity for CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ					6,000.000	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					8,912.000	CS



Jeffrey Jackson
 Contracting Officer
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