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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-19-B-0443**
Bid invitation number: **2000006197**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 06/13/2019 09:00:00
Offer Due Date : 06/24/2019 01:00:00

Opening date: 06/24/2019 01:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Frozen Vegetables (Broccoli), SOLICITATION NO: 2000006197

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Frozen Vegetables (Broccoli) as part of a Pilot Program. The purpose of which is to comingle containers of various Domestic Products to be delivered to Domestic Offshore destinations within the U.S. Territory of Puerto Rico (Puerto Rico). Comingling will permit the USDA/Food and Nutrition Service to more efficiently and effectively meet the needs of Recipients in Puerto Rico.

Acceptances will be announced by midnight, June 26, 2019. Deliveries are to be made between September 16, 2019 to September 30, 2019.

Offerors will submit a bid to deliver a defined quantity of product to the Port of Jacksonville, Florida as the final destination for the Item listed in the Solicitation which displays Puerto Rico.

Offerors are encouraged to utilize the attached Domestic Commodity Offshore Bidding Job Aid for WBSCM, particularly the WBSCM Create Domestic Bid Response (Offer) Export Import Option.

Awardees will be requested to deliver the commodity to Jacksonville, Florida within three to five days of the commodity with which it will be commingled. For example, Applesauce and Rice, or Frozen Broccoli and Frozen Chicken.

AMS will award a contract for comingling of the designated quantity of the commodity for furtherance to Puerto Rico.

In accordance with procedures outlined in FAR Subpart 3.3-Reports of Suspected Antitrust Violations, 3.301 General, 3.301, suspicion of collusive activities shall result in a rejection of the offeror(s) by the Contracting Officer. USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is required by 41 U.S.C. 3707: Antitrust Violations and 10 U.S.C. 2305(b)(9)-Contracts: planning, solicitation, evaluation and award procedures to report #a bid or proposal evidences a violation of the antitrust laws, he shall refer the bid or proposal to the Attorney General for appropriate action.#

Contract Clauses and Solicitation Provisions are addressed in the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements-Domestic Programs (MSCP-D).

Seals on Transportation Conveyances are addressed in the MSCP-D at 4A52.247-1 Seals on Transportation Conveyances.

Liquidated Damages are addressed in the MSCP-D at 52.211-11 Liquidated Damages#Supplies, Services, or Research and Development (Sep 2000)

Variation in Quantity is addressed in the MSCP-D at 52.211-16 Variation in Quantity (Apr 1984).

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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.

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 March 2019; the Commodity Specification for Frozen Vegetables dated March 2019; 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 MARCH 2019

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- 2 . SPECIFICATION FOR FROZEN VEGETABLES MARCH 2019
- 3 . Instructions-WBSCM Create Domestic Response (Offer)
- 4 . Instructions-Domestic Commodity Offshore Job Aid for WBSCM
- 5 . Instructions-WBSCM Domestic Offshore Import Export Option

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

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was issued to the solicitation.

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

Bid invitation Item details

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10		VEGETABLE, FROZEN				
20		BROCCOLI FRZ CTN-30 LB				
30		LOT: 401023749 AUBURNDALE FL / BAYAMO...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 401023749 AUBURNDALE FL / BAYAMON PR /				
40	110473	BROCCOLI FRZ CTN-30 LB	09/16/2019-09/30/2019	33823	829.000	CS
50	110473	BROCCOLI FRZ CTN-30 LB	09/16/2019-09/30/2019	00956	305.000	CS
		Total Quantity for BROCCOLI FRZ CTN-30 LB			1,134.000	CS
		Total Quantity for Invitation			1,134.000	CS



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 Contracting Officer
 Commodity Procurement Division