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Washington, DC 20036

## Information

Description: **12-3J14-19-B-0449**  
Bid invitation number: **2000006203**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION Domestic Commodity Invitation

### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 06/14/2019 12:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 06/28/2019 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 06/28/2019 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

Fresh Fruit, SOLICITATION NO: 2000006203

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, July 12, 2019. Deliveries are to be made between October 2, 2019 and November 15, 2019.

The following materials are considered 100% Total Small Business Set Aside.

(100517)- APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB

(100521)- APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB

(100522)- APPLES FUJI FRESH F CARTON-40 LB

(110543)- APPLES GRANNY SMITH FRESH CTN-40 LB

NAICS Code 311991 with a size standard of 500 employees or less applies to this requirement.

\*\*\* ATTENTION Offerors are reminded that once awarded changes in variety shall not be permitted.\*\*\*

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.

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If USDA/AMS finds that suppliers used by the contractor are not in compliance with AMS GAP/GHP 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 March 2019; the Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated July 2017, as amended; 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 . Commodity Specifications for Fresh Fruit July 2017
- 2 . AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements March 2019

**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	
<b>10 FRUIT, FRESH</b>						
<b>20 APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB</b>						
<b>30 LOT: 261545226 DALLAS TX / HOUSTON TX...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 261545226 DALLAS TX / HOUSTON TX / SAN ANTONIO TX /						
40	100517	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/02/2019-10/04/2019	75247		CS
					462.000	
50	100517	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/02/2019-10/04/2019	77029		CS
					231.000	
60	100517	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/02/2019-10/04/2019	78277		CS
					231.000	
Total Quantity for APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB						CS
					924.000	
<b>70 APPLES FUJI FRESH F CARTON-40 LB</b>						
<b>80 LOT: 829528987 DALLAS TX / PHARR TX /</b>						
90	100522	APPLES FUJI FRESH F CARTON-40 LB	10/23/2019-10/25/2019	75247		CS
					361.000	
100	100522	APPLES FUJI FRESH F CARTON-40 LB	10/23/2019-10/25/2019	78577		CS
					563.000	
Total Quantity for APPLES FUJI FRESH F CARTON-40 LB						CS
					924.000	
<b>110 APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB</b>						
<b>120 STAFFORD TX</b>						
130	100521	APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB	10/02/2019-10/04/2019	77477		CS
					924.000	
140	100521	APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB	10/16/2019-10/18/2019	77477		CS
					924.000	
150	100521	APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB	10/30/2019-11/01/2019	77477		CS
					924.000	
160	100521	APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB	11/13/2019-11/15/2019	77477		CS
					924.000	
Total Quantity for APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB						CS

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
					3,696.000
<b>170 APPLES GRANNY SMITH FRESH CTN-40 LB</b>					
<b>180 LOT: 835963312 AUSTIN TX / HOUSTON TX...</b>					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 835963312 AUSTIN TX / HOUSTON TX / PHARR TX /					
190	110543	APPLES GRANNY SMITH FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/16/2019-10/18/2019	78744	231.000 CS
200	110543	APPLES GRANNY SMITH FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/16/2019-10/18/2019	77029	431.000 CS
210	110543	APPLES GRANNY SMITH FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/16/2019-10/18/2019	78577	262.000 CS
<b>220 LOT: 949360670 DALLAS TX / LUBBOCK TX /</b>					
230	110543	APPLES GRANNY SMITH FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/16/2019-10/18/2019	75247	693.000 CS
240	110543	APPLES GRANNY SMITH FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/16/2019-10/18/2019	79404	231.000 CS
<b>250 LOT: 978716932 PHARR TX / SAN ANTONIO...</b>					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 978716932 PHARR TX / SAN ANTONIO TX /					
260	110543	APPLES GRANNY SMITH FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/30/2019-11/01/2019	78577	598.000 CS
270	110543	APPLES GRANNY SMITH FRESH CTN-40 LB	10/30/2019-11/01/2019	78277	326.000 CS
Total Quantity for APPLES GRANNY SMITH FRESH CTN-40 LB					2,772.000 CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					8,316.000 CS



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