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Room 3522-S, STOP 0239
Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-20-B-0036**
Bid invitation number: **2000006511**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

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Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 10/29/2019 15:30:00
Offer Due Date : 11/05/2019 13:00:00

Opening date: 11/05/2019 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Fresh Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO: 2000006511

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh vegetables 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, November 19th, 2019. Deliveries are to be made between January 1st, 2020 to July 31st, 2020.

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh vegetables 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 AND 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 USDA GAP/GHP requirements themselves, HOWEVER 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 be found responsive the contractor and/or its subcontractors/suppliers must be compliance with USDA GAP/GHP certification. Offerors must include in their bid the GAP and GHP Audit Verification Document, which is found in the attachments section of this solicitation. Offerors who do not complete this document in its entirety, do not include the document as an attachment to their bid, or are missing the required USDA GAP/GHP scopes listed above shall be deemed nonresponsive. All audits are valid for one year after the date the audit was conducted. More information on USDA GAP/GHP audits can be found here: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/gap-ghp> or by reaching out to scaudits@usda.gov

A meeting to discuss this requirement will be scheduled and announced through our Gov Delivery system.

Awardees may ship and supply from any location found here:
<https://apps.ams.usda.gov/GAPGHP/reportG01.aspx>

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:

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1. A cure notice shall be issued informing the contractor of their failure to comply with the required elements of this solicitation. The USDA will then deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries shipped or invoiced prior to the date listed on the cure notice.
2. If the contractor ships noncompliant product after the date of the cure notice:
 - a. USDA/AMS will deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries;
 - b. The contract will be terminated for cause; and
 - c. The contractor will be suspended from participating in all future USDA/AMS fresh fruit and vegetable solicitations for a period of one 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.

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 October 2019; The Commodity Specification for Fresh Vegetables; 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 October 2019
- 2 . Commodity Specification for Fresh Vegetables, May 2019
- 3 . GAP and GHP Audit Verification Document

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:
- There are no existing contracts/purchase orders
 - Have not been delivered, but the Offeror has notified the Contracting Officer
 - Have not been delivered
 - Have been delivered

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?

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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		VEGETABLE, FRESH				
20		POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB				
30		MESA AZ				
40	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	05/11/2020-05/13/2020	85210	800.000	CS
50		SAN DIEGO CA				
60	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/27/2020-01/29/2020	92121	800.000	CS
70	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/24/2020-02/26/2020	92121	800.000	CS
80	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/27/2020-04/29/2020	92121	800.000	CS
90	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/22/2020-06/24/2020	92121	800.000	CS
100		SAN ANTONIO TX				
110	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/20/2020-04/22/2020	78277	800.000	CS
120		GASSAWAY WV				
130	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/06/2020-01/08/2020	26624	800.000	CS
140	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/20/2020-04/22/2020	26624	800.000	CS
150	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/29/2020-07/01/2020	26624	800.000	CS
160		HUNTINGTON WV				
170	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/06/2020-01/08/2020	25701	800.000	CS
180	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/20/2020-04/22/2020	25701	800.000	CS
190	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/29/2020-07/01/2020	25701	800.000	CS

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200 LOT: 504002880 FREDERICKSBURG VA / LO...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 504002880 FREDERICKSBURG VA / LORTON VA /						
210	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/06/2020-01/08/2020	22408	267.000	CS
220	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/06/2020-01/08/2020	22079	533.000	CS
230 LOT: 746652951 CLEARWATER FL / TAMPA ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 746652951 CLEARWATER FL / TAMPA FL /						
240	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/16/2020-03/18/2020	33756	200.000	CS
250	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/16/2020-03/18/2020	33605	600.000	CS
Total Quantity for POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB					11,200.000	CS
260 POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB						
270 PHOENIX AZ						
280	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/03/2020-02/05/2020	85003	800.000	CS
290	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/20/2020-04/22/2020	85003	800.000	CS
300 EXETER CA						
310	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/27/2020-04/29/2020	93221	800.000	CS
320 INDIO CA						
330	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/09/2020-03/11/2020	92201	800.000	CS
340	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/01/2020-06/03/2020	92201	800.000	CS
350 LONG BEACH CA						
360	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/27/2020-01/29/2020	90813	800.000	CS
370	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/27/2020-04/29/2020	90813	800.000	CS
380 ATLANTA GA						
390	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/23/2020-03/25/2020	30318	800.000	CS
400	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/01/2020-06/03/2020	30318		CS

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					800.000	
410		GENEVA IL				
420	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/06/2020-01/08/2020	60134	800.000	CS
430	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/23/2020-03/25/2020	60134	800.000	CS
440		ALEXANDRIA LA				
450	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/17/2020-02/19/2020	71301	800.000	CS
460		JACKSON MS				
470	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/03/2020-02/05/2020	39201	800.000	CS
480		LAREDO TX				
490	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/17/2020-02/19/2020	78040	800.000	CS
500	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	05/18/2020-05/20/2020	78040	800.000	CS
510		PHARR TX				
520	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/13/2020-01/15/2020	78577	800.000	CS
530	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/16/2020-03/18/2020	78577	800.000	CS
540	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/08/2020-06/10/2020	78577	800.000	CS
550		SAN ANTONIO TX				
560	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/20/2020-04/22/2020	78277	800.000	CS
570		LOT: 96239487 CLEARWATER FL / PORT RI...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 96239487 CLEARWATER FL / PORT RICHEY FL / TAMPA FL /				
580	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/27/2020-01/29/2020	33756	184.000	CS
590	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/27/2020-01/29/2020	34688	122.000	CS
600	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/27/2020-01/29/2020	33605	494.000	CS
610		LOT: 231031098 FORT SMITH AR / NORFOR...				

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Tendering text - Item : LOT: 231031098 FORT SMITH AR / NORFORK AR / TEXARKANA AR /						
620	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/03/2020-02/05/2020	72901	250.000	CS
630	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/03/2020-02/05/2020	72658	252.000	CS
640	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/03/2020-02/05/2020	71854	298.000	CS
650 LOT: 824918553 CLEARWATER FL / PORT R..						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 824918553 CLEARWATER FL / PORT RICHEY FL / TAMPA FL /						
660	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/24/2020-02/26/2020	33756	184.000	CS
670	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/24/2020-02/26/2020	34688	122.000	CS
680	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/24/2020-02/26/2020	33605	494.000	CS
Total Quantity for POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB					17,600.000	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					28,800.000	CS



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