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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-20-B-0043**
Bid invitation number: **2000006519**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

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

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

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Fresh Fruit, SOLICITATION NO: 2000006519

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh apples 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, Wednesday, November 27, 2019. Deliveries are to be made between January 6, 2020 to June 24, 2020.

Small Business Set Asides for NAICS code 311991 with a size standard of 500 employees or less are as follows:

- (100514)- APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB-100% Small Business Set Aside
- (100517)- APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB-100% Small Business Set Aside
- (100521)- APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB-100% Small Business Set Aside
- (100522)- APPLES FUJI FRESH F CARTON-40 LB-100% Small Business Set Aside
- (100523)- APPLES BRAEBURN FRESH B CARTON-40 LB-100% Small Business Set Aside
- (110543)- APPLES GRANNY SMITH FRESH CTN-40 LB-100% Small Business Set Aside
- (110531)- APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB-100% Small Business Set Aside

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh fruit crops to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) must ensure that each of their suppliers/subcontractors who grow, harvest, pack, hold, and handle product have approved and current food safety verification audits PRIOR to the bid opening date of this solicitation.

Brokers who do not hold or handle products are exempt from undergoing a food safety verification audit, however they are required to ensure all their suppliers/subcontractors meet these requirements.

Acceptable USDA food safety audits include:

- # USDA Produce Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Harmonized Audit
- # USDA Harmonized GAP Plus+ Audit
- # USDA Good Agricultural Practices & Good Handling Practices Audit

Required scopes for USDA GAP are:

- #,,Farm Review
- #,,Field Harvesting & Field Packing Activities
- #,,Field Operations and Harvesting

Required scopes for USDA GHP are:

- #,,House Packing Facility
- #,,Storage & Transportation
- #,,Post-Harvest Operations

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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

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

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.

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Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated October, 2019; The Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit; 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 . CommoditySpecificationforFreshFruitJuly2019
- 2 . Master Solicitation dated October 2019
- 3 . USDA 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

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(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, FRESH				
20		APPLES BRAEBURNN FRESH B CARTON-40 LB				
30		SAN ANTONIO TX				
40	100523	APPLES BRAEBURNN FRESH B CARTON-40 LB	01/06/2020-01/08/2020	78277	924.000	CS
		Total Quantity for APPLES BRAEBURNN FRESH B CARTON-40 LB			924.000	CS
50		APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB				
60		SAN ANTONIO TX				
70	100517	APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB	01/21/2020-01/23/2020	78277	924.000	CS
		Total Quantity for APPLES EMPIRE FRESH CTN-40 LB			924.000	CS
80		APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB				
90		GENEVA IL				

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
100	110561	APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	02/03/2020-02/05/2020	60134	980.000	CS
110	110561	APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	05/04/2020-05/06/2020	60134	980.000	CS
120 SAN ANTONIO TX						
130	110561	APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	02/10/2020-02/12/2020	78277	980.000	CS
140 LOT: 918827833 FORT MYERS FL / SARASO...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 918827833 FORT MYERS FL / SARASOTA FL / TAMPA FL /						
150	110561	APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	02/03/2020-02/05/2020	33901	490.000	CS
160	110561	APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	02/03/2020-02/05/2020	34240	245.000	CS
170	110561	APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	02/03/2020-02/05/2020	33605	245.000	CS
Total Quantity for APPLES FRESH PKG-12/3 LB					3,920.000	CS
180 APPLES FUJI FRESH F CARTON-40 LB						
190 ATLANTA GA						
200	100522	APPLES FUJI FRESH F CARTON-40 LB	06/22/2020-06/24/2020	30318	924.000	CS
210 SAN ANTONIO TX						
220	100522	APPLES FUJI FRESH F CARTON-40 LB	06/22/2020-06/24/2020	78277	924.000	CS
Total Quantity for APPLES FUJI FRESH F CARTON-40 LB					1,848.000	CS
230 APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB						
240 ATLANTA GA						
250	100521	APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB	04/06/2020-04/08/2020	30318	924.000	CS
260 SAN ANTONIO TX						
270	100521	APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB	03/09/2020-03/11/2020	78277	924.000	CS
280 LOT: 745183144 CLEARWATER FL / TAMPA ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 745183144 CLEARWATER FL / TAMPA FL /						
290	100521	APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB	06/08/2020-06/10/2020	33756	231.000	CS

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
300	100521	APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB	06/08/2020-06/10/2020	33605		CS
					693.000	
		Total Quantity for APPLES GALA FRESH G CARTON-40 LB				CS
					2,772.000	
310 APPLES GRANNY SMITH FRESH CTN-40 LB						
320 SAN ANTONIO TX						
330	110543	APPLES GRANNY SMITH FRESH CTN-40 LB	03/23/2020-03/25/2020	78277		CS
					924.000	
		Total Quantity for APPLES GRANNY SMITH FRESH CTN-40 LB				CS
					924.000	
340 APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB						
350 SAN ANTONIO TX						
360	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	04/13/2020-04/15/2020	78277		CS
					924.000	
370 LOT: 185245264 CLEARWATER FL / TAMPA ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 185245264 CLEARWATER FL / TAMPA FL /						
380	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	04/13/2020-04/15/2020	33756		CS
					231.000	
390	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	04/13/2020-04/15/2020	33605		CS
					693.000	
400 LOT: 382916953 CLEARWATER FL / TAMPA ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 382916953 CLEARWATER FL / TAMPA FL /						
410	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	02/10/2020-02/12/2020	33756		CS
					231.000	
420	100514	APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB	02/10/2020-02/12/2020	33605		CS
					693.000	
		Total Quantity for APPLES RED DELICIOUS FRESH CTN-40 LB				CS
					2,772.000	
		Total Quantity for Invitation				CS
					14,084.000	



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 Commodity Procurement Division