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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-20-B-0050**
Bid invitation number: **2000006526**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 12/16/2019 14:00:00
Offer Due Date : 12/23/2019 13:00:00

Opening date: 12/23/2019 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

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, January 06, 2020. Deliveries are to be made between February 1st, 2020 to June 30th, 2020.

*** Requirements for this solicitation have changed, please see below***

Contact Information for Questions Regarding this Purchase:
Contract Specialist: David Cottrell, david.cottrell@usda.gov
Contract Officer: Kelli Dawkins, kelli.dawkins@usda.gov

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

(100506)- POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ- 100% Small Business Set Aside
(110227)- POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK-100% Small Business Set Aside
(100980)- SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC-100% Small Business Set Aside

The variety known as 'Caribou' has been added to the allowed varieties section of the Commodity Specification for Bulk Product for Further Processing.

The 'Steam Rolling/Bruise' testing requirement has been removed from Commodity Specification for Further Processing ONLY for delivery into Idahoan Foods located in Lewisville, ID.

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:

For 100506- POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ and (110227)- POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK:

GAP - Farm Review AND Field Harvesting & Field Packing Activities
GHP -Storage & Transportation

For (100980)- SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC:

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.

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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

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:

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

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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 Bulk Product for Further Processing; 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. The USDA prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.) To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), or (866) 377-8642 (Relay voiceusers).

See attached documents:

- 1 . MSCP (10-1-2019)
- 2 . GAP and GHP Audit Verification Document
- 3 . Commodity Specification for Bulk Product for Further Processing

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

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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	VEGETABLE, FRESH			
20	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ			
30	CONNELL WA			
40	100506 POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	03/16/2020-03/31/2020	99326	680,000.000 LB
50	100506 POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	04/01/2020-04/15/2020	99326	768,000.000 LB
60	100506 POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	04/16/2020-04/30/2020	99326	560,000.000 LB
70	100506 POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	05/01/2020-05/15/2020	99326	360,000.000 LB
80	100506 POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	05/16/2020-05/31/2020	99326	320,000.000 LB
90	100506 POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	06/01/2020-06/15/2020	99326	320,000.000 LB

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
100	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	06/16/2020-06/30/2020	99326	LB 320,000.000
Total Quantity for POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ					LB 3,328,000.00 0
110 POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK					
120 BLACKFOOT ID					
130	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	03/16/2020-03/31/2020	83221	LB 400,000.000
Total Quantity for POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK					LB 400,000.000
140 SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC					
150 DELHI LA					
160	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	02/13/2020-02/15/2020	71232	LB 93,760.000
170 GRAND FORKS ND					
180	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	02/13/2020-02/15/2020	58203	LB 492,794.000
190	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	02/27/2020-02/29/2020	58203	LB 80,000.000
200	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	03/13/2020-03/15/2020	58203	LB 40,000.000
210	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	03/29/2020-03/31/2020	58203	LB 40,000.000
220 WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI					
230	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	02/13/2020-02/15/2020	54494	LB 1,258,141.00 0
240	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	02/27/2020-02/29/2020	54494	LB 1,220,021.00 0
250	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	03/29/2020-03/31/2020	54494	LB 1,506,422.00 0
Total Quantity for SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC					LB 4,731,138.00 0
Total Quantity for Invitation					LB

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<u>Item Material Description</u>	<u>Required by</u>	<u>ZipCode</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
			8,459,138.00 0



Contracting Officer
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