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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-20-B-0181**
Bid invitation number: **2000006677**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 01/09/2020 11:15:00
Offer Due Date : 01/29/2020 13:00:00

Opening date: 01/29/2020 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Frozen Fruit, SOLICITATION NO: 2000006677

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Frozen 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, February 5, 2020. Deliveries are to be made between April 16, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

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.

The specialist for this solicitation is Suzette Offer (suzette.offer@usda.gov). The contracting officer for this solicitation is Valerie Dinkel (Kyla.stoufer@usda.gov). Please contact the specialist first, with questions regarding the requirements of this solicitation. Do not discuss your bid prices with the specialist or contracting officer before award.

The following materials are included in this solicitation:

110624, Blueberry Highbush FRZ CTN-30 LB
100243, Blueberry Wild FRZ CTN-30 LB - 100% set aside for small business
100237, Cherries FRZ IQF CTN-40 LB - 100% set aside for small business

The Quality Tolerance section of the specification document, "Contractor will be allowed a tolerance on the final delivery of plus or minus 50 cases of each product, from each shipping point named in the purchase order", is not applicable to this solicitation. USDA will not pay for any cases exceeding the contracted quantity.

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

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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 September 2019, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Fruit dated September 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 for Commodity Procurements October 1 201
- 2 . CommoditySpecificationforFrozenFruitSeptember2019

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

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- 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?

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, FROZEN			
20		BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB			
30		AUBURNDALE FL			
40	110624	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB	04/01/2020-04/15/2020	33823	CS
		Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB			1,320.000
					CS
50		BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB			1,320.000

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
60 SACRAMENTO CA						
70	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	06/01/2020-06/15/2020	95814	1,320.000	CS
80 CHICAGO IL						
90	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	05/01/2020-05/15/2020	60609	1,320.000	CS
Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB					2,640.000	CS
100 CHERRIES FRZ IQF CTN-40 LB						
110 AUBURNDALE FL						
120	100237	CHERRIES FRZ IQF CTN-40 LB	04/01/2020-04/15/2020	33823	960.000	CS
Total Quantity for CHERRIES FRZ IQF CTN-40 LB					960.000	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					4,920.000	CS



Kyla Stoufer
 Contracting Officer
 Commodity Procurement Division