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Washington, DC 20036

## Information

Description: 12-3J14-20-B-0449  
Bid invitation number: 2000007002  
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

## SOLICITATION Master/Shortfall Invitation

### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 06/30/2020 14:30:00  
Offer Due Date : 07/14/2020 13:00:00

Opening date: 07/14/2020 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Master

### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) requests offers to sell Canned and Frozen Fruit products pursuant to the attached Invitation for Bids (IFB) solicitation document for use in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs.

Awards will be announced by Midnight, Wednesday, July 28, 2020. Deliveries are to be made between July 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021.

The contract specialists for this solicitation are Blake Bergen (Blake.Bergen@usda.gov) and Nick Wiber (Nick.Wiber@usda.gov). The contracting officer for this solicitation is Kyla Stoufer (Kyla.Stoufer@usda.gov).

All offerors should reference the Fruit Invitation For Bids (IFB) IDIQ document attached to the solicitation for more information.

#### SET ASIDES:

100238 - PEACH FREESTONE SLICES FRZ CTN # 12/2 LB: Small Business (SB) 100%  
100239 - PEACHES FREESTONE SLICES FRZ CTN-20 LB: SB 50%  
100241 - PEACH FREESTONE DICED FRZ CUP-96/4.4 OZ: SB 50%

The requirements for checkloading by USDA Inspectors outlined in the Commodity Specifications for Canned Fruit and Frozen Fruit are NOT applicable to Purchase Orders issued against this solicitation. Checkloading may still be performed by USDA Inspections Staff as outlined in the commodity specifications, at the expense of the contractor, however it is not required for this solicitation.

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 using the template provided, and to be uploaded in WBSCM. 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.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. 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.

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**See attached documents:**

- 1 . Additional Plants and Shipping Points Template
- 2 . PART B
- 3 . Exhibit 2
- 4 . CommoditySpecificationsforCannedFruitMarch2020
- 5 . Master Solicitation May 2020
- 6 . CommoditySpecificationsforFrozenFruitApril2020
- 7 . Fruit Invitation for Bids (IFB) IDIQ

**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 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  
 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

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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 (Comment: N/A)  
                               - NO (Comment: No)  
                               - YES (Comment: Yes)

**Bid invitation Item details**

Item	Material	Description	Quantity	
<b>10</b>		<b>FRUIT, CANNED</b>		
20	100210	APRICOT HALVES CAN-24/300		CS
			74,520.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for APRICOT HALVES CAN-24/300</b>		CS
			74,520.000	
<b>30</b>		<b>FRUIT, FROZEN</b>		
40	100241	PEACH FREESTONE DICED FRZ CUP-96/4.4 OZ		CS
			134,400.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for PEACH FREESTONE DICED FRZ CUP-96/4.4 OZ</b>		CS
			134,400.000	
50	100239	PEACHES FREESTONE SLICES FRZ CTN-20 LB		CS
			1,900.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for PEACHES FREESTONE SLICES FRZ CTN-20 LB</b>		CS
			1,900.000	
60	100238	PEACHES FREESTONE SLICES FRZ CTN-12/2 LB		CS
			4,356.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for PEACHES FREESTONE SLICES FRZ CTN-12/2 LB</b>		CS
			4,356.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>		CS
			215,176.000	



**Kyla Stoufer**  
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 Commodity Procurement Division