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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-21-B-0422**
Bid invitation number: **2000007887**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION **Master/Shortfall Invitation**

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 06/29/2021 15:45:00
Offer Due Date : 07/07/2021 13:00:00

Opening date: 07/07/2021 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Master

Additional requested information:

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CANNED FRUIT, SOLICITATION NO: 2000007887 Section 32

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell PEACHES DICED CUP SLEEVE-under Section 32, and 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, July 12, 2021. Deliveries are to be made between October 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

The Contract Specialist for this solicitation is Nick Wiber Nick.Wiber@usda.gov. The Contracting Officer for this solicitation is LaShawne Brown (LaShawne.Brown@usda.gov). Please contact the Contract Specialist with questions regarding the requirements of this solicitation. Do not discuss your bid prices with the Contract Specialist or Contracting Officer before award.

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.

*** As a result of the Checkloading Phase Out Program, the requirements for check loading by USDA inspectors outlined in the attached Commodity Specifications are No Longer applicable. Note- Checkloading may still be performed on all, or part of the deliveries at the request and expense of the contractor; however, it is not required for Canned Fruit awarded under this solicitation. Also, the AMS Specialty Crops Inspection (SCI) Division will conduct periodic verifications of vendor#s commercial practices to ensure they meet the contractual requirements.***

For new and existing USDA contractors who are bidding on new products, a probationary period will be implemented in which awards are limited to 10 truckloads per product. Contractors must demonstrate successful delivery of at least five (5) truckloads of product in order to be removed from probationary status on future solicitations. For the purposes of this rule, successful delivery is defined as products delivered on-time and in acceptable condition according to the terms and conditions of the contract. Any delivery problems directly attributable to the Government will not be held against the contractor.

For offshore destinations (Puerto Rico, Hawaii, etc.), offerors will enter their bids directly to the domestic port.

This Solicitation shows deliveries to multiple States. One contractor will be awarded a State in its entirety. Offerors who submit pricing affirm that they will be able to fulfill 100% of quantity by State for offers submitted.

Purchases will be made on an f.o.b. destination basis to States on this Solicitation. Destination quantities listed are estimates and subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient needs,

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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.

Inquiries about the AMS MSCP dated August 2020; The Commodity Specification for Canned Fruit dated May 2021; Amendment 1 to the Commodity Specification for Canned Fruit dated June 2021; 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 . Amendment 1 to Commodity Specification for Canned Fruit
- 2 . Commodity_Specification_for_Canned_Fruit_May_2021
- 3 . MSCP Aug 2020

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:

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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

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).

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?

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?

Offeror represents that IAW 52.204-25, it does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services

Offeror represents that IAW FAR 52.204-25, it will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract or other contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation.

Bid invitation Item details

Item	Material	Description	Quantity
10		FRUIT, CANNED	
20	111441	PEACHES DICED CUP SLEEVE-4/4 OZ	CS 554,400.000
		Total Quantity for PEACHES DICED CUP SLEEVE-4/4 OZ	CS 554,400.000
		Total Quantity for Invitation	CS 554,400.000



**Contracting Officer
 Commodity Procurement Division
 United States Department of Agriculture**