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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-21-B-0538**
Bid invitation number: **2000008045**
Purchasing Group: **AMS Poultry**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 08/25/2021 13:30:00
Offer Due Date : 09/07/2021 13:00:00

Opening date: 09/07/2021 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

CHICKEN STRIPS, SOLICITATION NO: 2000008045

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Chicken Fillets and Chicken Strips 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, September 23, 2021. Deliveries are to be made between November 1, 2021, and November 30, 2021.

This Solicitation includes the following changes to the FPPS for Chicken Strips dated March 2017 and the FPPS for Grilled Chicken Fillet dated September 2019:
Inspection and Checkloading

Requirements # For inspection and checkloading at time of shipping, the Contractor shall utilize either USDA Grader or Contractor Checkloading to certify. The Contractor shall notify USDA AMS QAD staff prior to production. The requirements for selection are as follows:

USDA Grader Checkloading Requirements # Inspection for contract compliance shall be made by a USDA representative, in accordance with 7 CFR § 70, FSIS regulations, and this FPPS, at site of processing, both during and after processing and packaging. Inspection records shall be complete and made available to USDA, as requested, to assure contract compliance.

Procedures # The inspection and checkloading shall be performed by the AMS Grader. Procedures to be followed and a schedule of fees for these services may be obtained by contacting the nearest QAD field office or the Director of QAD, LP Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, Room 3953-S, STOP 0258, Washington, DC 20250-0258, telephone (202) 690-3147.

The quality, quantity, weight, packaging, packing, and checkloading of the commodity shall be evidenced by certificates issued by the AMS Grader. The contractor shall not ship the commodity unless informed by the AMS Grader that the designated commodity to be shipped meets the requirements of the AMS MSCP-D, Solicitation, and this FPPS.

Contractor Checkloading Requirements # Inspection for final contract compliance shall be made by the Contractor, in accordance with 7 CFR § 70, FSIS regulations, and this FPPS. The quality, quantity, weight, packaging and packing of the commodity shall be evidenced by a Certificate of Conformance that verifies the designated commodity to be shipped meets all the requirements as stated in this FPPS, MSCP-D and Solicitation.

Procedures # The contractor shall perform checkloading examinations at the time of shipment # as described in this FPPS starting at the section labeled Loading and Shipping Frozen Commodity and sections thereafter # and shall issue a corresponding Certificate of Conformance. The Contractor is required to provide an acceptance document to accompany each shipment. Additional details are found

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in the AMS MSCP-D, Section 4A52.247-3 for Bill of Lading Notations.

Contractors inspection records and checkloading documentation shall be complete and maintained, including the Certificate of Conformance, and made available to USDA, as requested, to assure Contractor Checkloading compliance. Contractor checkloading activity is subject to review by USDA at the cost of the contractor.

Each shipping container shall be identified with a USDA Contract Compliance stamp with the applicable production date. An AMS Grader, or other authorized personnel under the supervision of the AMS Grader, shall stamp one end of each shipping container online. If there is inadequate space available on either end of the shipping container, the stamp may be applied to a side of the container.

A copy of the Contractor Certificate of Conformance and Bill of Lading or the original USDA Poultry Products Grading Certificate issued at time of checkloading shall accompany each shipment.

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.

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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.

In order to submit offers on this Solicitation, offerors must be deemed eligible by the Contracting Officer. Product purchased under this Solicitation will be produced according to the Federal Purchase Program Specification (FPPS) for Chicken Fillets, dated March 2019; Supplement 801, dated March 2017; and eligible supplier's approved technical proposal. Please review the changes in Supplement 801 for Chicken Strips dated March 2017 and update your technical proposals to Food Safety and Commodity Specification (FSCS) Division if necessary.

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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 August 2020; Federal Purchase Program Specification (FPPS) for Chicken Strips dated September 2019; Supplement 801 dated March 2017; 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), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).

See attached documents:

- 1 . Supplement 801 March 2017 Cooked Chicken Strips
- 2 . FPPS Chicken Fillet September 2019
- 3 . MSCP August 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: 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		CHICKEN, COOKED				
	20	CHICKEN FILLETS UNBRD FRZ CTN-30 LB				
	30	LOT: 241220763 BUFFALO NY / HALFMOON ...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 241220763 BUFFALO NY / HALFMOON NY / WATERTOWN NY /				
	40	110921 CHICKEN FILLETS UNBRD FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/16/2021-11/30/2021	14207		LB
					13,500.000	
	50	110921 CHICKEN FILLETS UNBRD FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/16/2021-11/30/2021	12065		LB
					12,000.000	

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
60	110921	CHICKEN FILLETS UNBRD FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/16/2021-11/30/2021	13601		LB
					360.000	
70	110921	CHICKEN FILLETS UNBRD FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/16/2021-11/30/2021	13601		LB
					13,140.000	
80 LOT: 694308492 BRENTWOOD NY / HALFMOO...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 694308492 BRENTWOOD NY / HALFMOON NY /						
90	110921	CHICKEN FILLETS UNBRD FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/16/2021-11/30/2021	11717		LB
					21,000.000	
100	110921	CHICKEN FILLETS UNBRD FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/16/2021-11/30/2021	12065		LB
					90.000	
110	110921	CHICKEN FILLETS UNBRD FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/16/2021-11/30/2021	12065		LB
					17,910.000	
Total Quantity for CHICKEN FILLETS UNBRD FRZ CTN-30 LB						LB
						78,000.000
120 CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB						
130 BIRMINGHAM AL						
140	110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	35210		LB
					39,000.000	
150 CLANTON AL						
160	110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	35045		LB
					39,000.000	
170 ONTARIO CA						
180	110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	91761		LB
					39,000.000	
190 SOUTH WINDSOR CT						
200	110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/16/2021-11/30/2021	06074		LB
					39,000.000	
210 GRANITE CITY IL						
220	110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	62040		LB
					39,000.000	
230 ST PAUL MN						
240	110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	55108		LB
					39,000.000	
250 BRENTWOOD NY						
260	110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/01/2021-11/15/2021	11717		LB
					39,000.000	
270 LOT: 724956676 SACRAMENTO CA						
280	110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/16/2021-11/30/2021	95814		LB

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
					25,110.000
290	110462	CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB	11/16/2021-11/30/2021	95814	LB
					13,890.000
		Total Quantity for CHICKEN STRIPS FRZ CTN-30 LB			LB
					312,000.000
		Total Quantity for Invitation			LB
					390,000.000



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