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Washington, DC 20036

## Information

Description: **12-3J14-22-B-0007**  
Bid invitation number: **2000008119**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 10/25/2021 16:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 11/08/2021 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 11/08/2021 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

##### Tendering text - Header :

Canned Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO: 2000008119

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Canned 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, November 16, 2021. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022.

The specialist for this solicitation is Claudius Price (Claudius.I.Price@usda.gov). The contracting officer for this solicitation is Kelli Dawkins (Kelli.Dawkins@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.

There is a probationary period for new-to-AMS contractors and existing contractors bidding on new products in which awards may be limited to 10 truckloads per product. Contractor must demonstrate successful delivery of at least five (5) truckloads of [new] product in order to be removed from probationary status on future solicitations. For the purposes of this rule, successful delivery is defined as product delivered on-time and in acceptable condition according to the terms and conditions of the contract.

The Quantity 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.

Sweet Potatoes w/ Syrup 300 is 100% Small Business Set-Aside.

Pack Year: USDA will accept product produced in calendar year 2021 and 2022 for deliveries made under resulting contracts.

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.

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.

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.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated September 2021; Specification for Canned Vegetables dated April 2021; Commodity Specifications for Bulk Products for Further Processing dated April 2020; 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 . CommoditySpecificationforBulkProductsforFurtherProcessingApril20
- 2 . Commodity Specifications Canned Veg April 2021
- 3 . AMS MSCP 9-1-21

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**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 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

1A) Offeror has reviewed the List of Required Products for GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN) Reporting located at:

- Permitted values:
- YES
  - NO

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- N/A

[https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/GS1\\_GDSN\\_ListofRequiredProducts.xlsx](https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/GS1_GDSN_ListofRequiredProducts.xlsx).

1B) Offeror certifies that complete and accurate product information will be submitted to GS1 GDSN no later than December 31, 2021, if the awarded contract includes item(s) from the List of Required Products for GS1 GDSN Reporting.

1C) Offeror certifies that the information submitted in GS1 GDSN will be kept up-to-date (to reflect changes in product attributes, such as changes to the ingredient or allergen statement) until the end of the contract period.

**Bid invitation Item details**

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
<b>10</b>		<b>VEGETABLE, CANNED</b>				
<b>20</b>		<b>SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300</b>				
<b>30</b>		<b>BRENTWOOD NY</b>				
40	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	11717	1,530.000	CS
50	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/16/2022-01/31/2022	11717	1,530.000	CS
60	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	11717	3,060.000	CS
70	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	11717	3,060.000	CS
<b>80</b>		<b>BEAUMONT TX</b>				
90	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	77705	1,530.000	CS
<b>100</b>		<b>LAREDO TX</b>				
110	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	78040	1,530.000	CS
<b>120</b>		<b>LOT: 821595826 LAREDO TX / SAN ANTONI...</b>				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 821595826 LAREDO TX / SAN ANTONIO TX /				
130	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	78040	765.000	CS
140	100316	SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	78227	765.000	CS
		<b>Total Quantity for SWEET POTATOES W/ SYRUP CAN-24/300</b>			<b>13,770.000</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>150</b>		<b>SPINACH CAN-24/300</b>				
<b>160</b>		<b>LONG BEACH CA</b>				
170	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/01/2022-02/15/2022	90813		CS

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					1,615.000	
<b>180</b>		<b>HOMESTEAD FL</b>				
190	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/16/2022-01/31/2022	33033	1,615.000	CS
200	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	33033	1,615.000	CS
210	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	33033	1,615.000	CS
<b>220</b>		<b>SPRINGFIELD IL</b>				
230	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	62703	1,615.000	CS
<b>240</b>		<b>BALTIMORE MD</b>				
250	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	21227	1,615.000	CS
<b>260</b>		<b>HILLSIDE NJ</b>				
270	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/01/2022-02/15/2022	07205	1,615.000	CS
280	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	07205	1,615.000	CS
<b>290</b>		<b>BRENTWOOD NY</b>				
300	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/01/2022-02/15/2022	11717	1,615.000	CS
310	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	11717	1,615.000	CS
320	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	11717	1,615.000	CS
330	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	11717	1,615.000	CS
<b>340</b>		<b>GROVE CITY OH</b>				
350	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	43123	1,615.000	CS
360	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	43123	1,615.000	CS
<b>370</b>		<b>PLANO TX</b>				
380	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	75075	1,615.000	CS
<b>390</b>		<b>SAN ANTONIO TX</b>				

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400	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	78227		CS
					1,615.000	
<b>410 LOT: 9297055 EGG HARBOR NJ / PENNSAUK..</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 9297055 EGG HARBOR NJ / PENNSAUKEN NJ / VINELAND NJ /						
420	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	08234		CS
					404.000	
430	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	08110		CS
					808.000	
440	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	08360		CS
					403.000	
<b>450 LOT: 131075474 WASHINGTON DC</b>						
460	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	20017		CS
					969.000	
470	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	20017		CS
					646.000	
<b>480 LOT: 426530797 AUSTIN TX / SAN ANTONI...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 426530797 AUSTIN TX / SAN ANTONIO TX /						
490	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	78744		CS
					807.000	
500	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	78227		CS
					808.000	
<b>510 LOT: 470062344 EGG HARBOR NJ / HILLSI...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 470062344 EGG HARBOR NJ / HILLSIDE NJ /						
520	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	08234		CS
					404.000	
530	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	07205		CS
					1,211.000	
<b>540 LOT: 507693053 HAMPTON VA / LORTON VA /</b>						
550	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	23661		CS
					808.000	
560	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	22079		CS
					807.000	
<b>570 LOT: 823713695 LITTLE ROCK AR / VAN B..</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 823713695 LITTLE ROCK AR / VAN BUREN AR /						
580	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/16/2022-01/31/2022	72209		CS
					1,215.000	
590	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/16/2022-01/31/2022	72956		CS

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					400.000	
<b>600 LOT: 962444010 BENTON HARBOR MI / WES...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 962444010 BENTON HARBOR MI / WESTLAND MI /						
610	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	49022		CS
					1,075.000	
620	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	48186		CS
					540.000	
<b>630 NAMPA ID</b>						
640	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	83687		CS
					1,615.000	
650	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	83687		CS
					1,615.000	
<b>660 KANSAS CITY MO</b>						
670	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	64161		CS
					1,615.000	
680	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	64161		CS
					1,615.000	
<b>690 SYRACUSE NY</b>						
700	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	01/01/2022-01/15/2022	13209		CS
					1,615.000	
710	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	02/01/2022-02/15/2022	13209		CS
					1,615.000	
720	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	13209		CS
					1,615.000	
Total Quantity for SPINACH CAN-24/300						CS
					48,450.000	
Total Quantity for Invitation						CS
					62,220.000	



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