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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: 12-3J14-22-B-0009
Bid invitation number: 2000008121
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 10/18/2021 15:45:00
Offer Due Date : 11/01/2021 13:00:00

Opening date: 11/01/2021 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Frozen Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO: (2000008121)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Frozen 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 5, 2021. Deliveries are to be made between February 16, 2022 through September 15, 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.

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

** For a new -to-USDA contractor and existing contractors w ho are bidding on new products, a probationary period may be implemented in which awards are limited to 10 truckloads per product. Contractor 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 product 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.**

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.

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.

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.

*****NOTIFICATION REGARDING CHECKLOADING*****:

As a result of the Checkloading Phase Out Program, the requirements for check loading Frozen Vegetables by USDA inspectors outlined in the attached Commodity Specifications are No Longer

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applicable.

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 Frozen Vegetables awarded under this solicitation. Also, SCI will conduct periodic verifications of the vendors commercial practices to ensure they meet the contractual requirements.

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.

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; the Commodity Specification for Frozen Vegetables dated March 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 . CommoditySpecificationforFrozenVegetablesMarch2020

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2 . AMS MSCP 9-1-2021

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

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- Yes

1A) 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.

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		
10	VEGETABLE, FROZEN						
	20 CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/1 LB						
	30 KANSAS CITY MO						
40	111460	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	64161	3,300.000	CS	
50	111460	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	64161	3,300.000	CS	
60	111460	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	05/01/2022-05/15/2022	64161	3,300.000	CS	
70	111460	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	06/01/2022-06/15/2022	64161	3,300.000	CS	
80	111460	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	08/01/2022-08/15/2022	64161	3,300.000	CS	
90	111460	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	09/01/2022-09/15/2022	64161	3,300.000	CS	
	230 NAMPA ID						
240	111460	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	83687	3,300.000	CS	
250	111460	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	83687	3,300.000	CS	
260	111460	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	07/01/2022-07/15/2022	83687	3,300.000	CS	
270	111460	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	09/01/2022-09/15/2022	83687	3,300.000	CS	
	Total Quantity for CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/1 LB					33,000.000	CS

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
100 PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/1 LB						
110 KANSAS CITY MO						
120	111461	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	64161	3,300.000	CS
130	111461	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	64161	3,300.000	CS
140	111461	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	05/01/2022-05/15/2022	64161	3,300.000	CS
150	111461	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	07/01/2022-07/15/2022	64161	3,300.000	CS
160	111461	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	09/01/2022-09/15/2022	64161	3,300.000	CS
280 NAMPA ID						
290	111461	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	83687	3,300.000	CS
300	111461	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	05/16/2022-05/31/2022	83687	3,300.000	CS
310	111461	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/1 LB	09/01/2022-09/15/2022	83687	3,300.000	CS
Total Quantity for PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/1 LB					26,400.000	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					59,400.000	CS



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