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Information

Description: 12-3J14-22-B-0102
Bid invitation number: 2000008222
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

**SOLICITATION
Domestic Commodity Invitation**

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 12/13/2021 12:45:00
Offer Due Date : 12/28/2021 13:00:00

Opening date: 12/28/2021 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

SOUP POUCHES, SOLICITATION NO: 2000008222

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Soup (Pouches) 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, January 10, 2022. Deliveries are to be made between February 16, 2022 through March 31, 2022..

The specialist for this solicitation is Carol Givens-Verser (carol.givens-verser@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.

***** NEW***** NEW***** NEW***** NEW*****

Soups for this purchase will only be accepted in 24/10 ounce thermostabilized pouches.

Soups packaged in the pouches must meet all requirements of the Commodity Specification for Canned Soups July 2021 except specific primary container size and type requirements (must be packaged in 24/10 oz. thermostabilized pouches). All other labeling, marking, and packing requirements remain the same.

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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.

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.

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 Specification for Canned Soup dated July 2021; TT for Pouch Soup dated 12-13-21; 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:

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- 1 . Commodity Specifications Canned Veg April 2021
- 2 . AMS MSCP 9-1-21
- 3 . Commodity Specification for Canned Soup
- 4 . TT for Pouch Soup 12-13-21

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.

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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
 - N/A

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, SOUP				
20		SOUP CREAM OF MUSHROOM POUCH-24/10 OZ				
30		LONG BEACH CA				
40	111462	SOUP CREAM OF MUSHROOM POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	90813	2,200.000	CS
50	111462	SOUP CREAM OF MUSHROOM POUCH-24/10 OZ	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	90813	4,400.000	CS
60	111462	SOUP CREAM OF MUSHROOM POUCH-24/10 OZ	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	90813	2,200.000	CS
70		PORTLAND OR				
80	111462	SOUP CREAM OF MUSHROOM POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	97211	2,200.000	CS
90	111462	SOUP CREAM OF MUSHROOM POUCH-24/10 OZ	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	97211	2,200.000	CS
100		LOT: 11 POCA WV / WESTON WV /				
110	111462	SOUP CREAM OF MUSHROOM POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	25159	733.000	CS
120	111462	SOUP CREAM OF MUSHROOM POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	26452	1,467.000	CS
130		LOT: 474426335 BOSTON MA / HATFIELD M...				

Tendering text - Item : LOT: 474426335 BOSTON MA / HATFIELD MA /

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		SHREWSBURY MA /				
140	111462	SOUP CREAM OF MUSHROOM POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	02118	1,100.000	CS
150	111462	SOUP CREAM OF MUSHROOM POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	01038	550.000	CS
160	111462	SOUP CREAM OF MUSHROOM POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	01545	550.000	CS
		Total Quantity for SOUP CREAM OF MUSHROOM POUCH-24/10 OZ			17,600.000	CS
170 SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ						
180 LONG BEACH CA						
190	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	90813	2,200.000	CS
200 MODESTO CA						
210	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	95351	2,200.000	CS
220 RIVERSIDE CA						
230	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	92504	2,200.000	CS
240 GENEVA IL						
250	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	60134	2,200.000	CS
260 SPRINGFIELD IL						
270	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	62703	2,200.000	CS
280 VINELAND NJ						
290	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	08360	2,200.000	CS
300	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	08360	2,200.000	CS
310 LATHAM NY						
320	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	12110	2,200.000	CS
330	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	12110	2,200.000	CS
340 PORTLAND OR						
350	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	97211		CS

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					2,200.000	
360		HAMPTON VA				
370	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	23661		CS
					2,200.000	
380		LOT: 390938430 CLARE MI / ELMIRA MI /...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 390938430 CLARE MI / ELMIRA MI / LANSING MI /				
390	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	48617		CS
					550.000	
400	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	49730		CS
					1,100.000	
410	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	48910		CS
					550.000	
420		LOT: 554702611 BRATTLEBORO VT / RUTLA...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 554702611 BRATTLEBORO VT / RUTLAND VT /				
430	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	05301		CS
					550.000	
440	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	05701		CS
					1,650.000	
450		LOT: 741939949 BOSTON MA / LOWELL MA ...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 741939949 BOSTON MA / LOWELL MA /				
		SHREWSBURY MA /				
460	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	02118		CS
					1,100.000	
470	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	01854		CS
					550.000	
480	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	03/01/2022-03/15/2022	01545		CS
					550.000	
490		LOT: 991558592 FORT SMITH AR / LITTLE..				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 991558592 FORT SMITH AR / LITTLE ROCK AR /				
		VAN BUREN AR /				
500	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	72901		CS
					600.000	
510	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	72209		CS
					1,000.000	
520	111463	SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	72956		CS
					600.000	
		Total Quantity for SOUP TOMATO POUCH-24/10 OZ				CS

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					33,000.000	
530 SOUP VEGETABLE POUCH-24/10 OZ						
540 LONG BEACH CA						
550	111464	SOUP VEGETABLE POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	90813	2,200.000	CS
560 SAN BERNARDINO CA						
570	111464	SOUP VEGETABLE POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	92415	2,200.000	CS
580 WOODLAND CA						
590	111464	SOUP VEGETABLE POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	95776	2,200.000	CS
600 AUBURN ME						
610	111464	SOUP VEGETABLE POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	04210	2,200.000	CS
620 BRIDGETON MO						
630	111464	SOUP VEGETABLE POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	63044	2,200.000	CS
640 VINELAND NJ						
650	111464	SOUP VEGETABLE POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	08360	2,200.000	CS
660	111464	SOUP VEGETABLE POUCH-24/10 OZ	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	08360	2,200.000	CS
670 LOT: 774028193 BOSTON MA / HATFIELD M...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 774028193 BOSTON MA / HATFIELD MA / LOWELL MA /						
680	111464	SOUP VEGETABLE POUCH-24/10 OZ	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	02118	1,100.000	CS
690	111464	SOUP VEGETABLE POUCH-24/10 OZ	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	01038	550.000	CS
700	111464	SOUP VEGETABLE POUCH-24/10 OZ	03/16/2022-03/31/2022	01854	550.000	CS
710 LOT: 810062752 BATH MI / BATTLE CREEK...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 810062752 BATH MI / BATTLE CREEK MI / FLINT MI /						
720	111464	SOUP VEGETABLE POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	48808	496.000	CS
730	111464	SOUP VEGETABLE POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	49037		CS

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					600.000	
740	111464	SOUP VEGETABLE POUCH-24/10 OZ	02/16/2022-02/28/2022	48503		CS
					1,104.000	
		Total Quantity for SOUP VEGETABLE POUCH-24/10 OZ				CS
					19,800.000	
		Total Quantity for Invitation				CS
					70,400.000	



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