

**United States Department of Agriculture**  
**1400 Independence Avenue,**  
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Room 3522-S, STOP 0239  
Washington, DC 20036

#### **Information**

Description: **12-3J14-22-B-0130**  
Bid invitation number: **2000008256**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS Dairy**

## **SOLICITATION**

### **Domestic Commodity Invitation**

#### **Bid invitation Overview**

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 12/28/2021 11:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 01/11/2022 13:00:00

Opening date: 01/11/2022 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### **Additional requested information:**

#### **Tendering text - Header :**

STRING CHEESE, SOLICITATION NO: 2000008256

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell string cheese pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the National School Lunch Program, the Emergency Food Assistance Program, and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs. Bids are due by 1pm CT on January 11, 2022. Acceptances will be announced by 5pm CT on January 18, 2022. Deliveries are to be made between April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

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 1, 2021, the Commodity Specification for Mozzarella dated September 2019, 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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**Certification Questions :**

ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED. WHEN ANSWERING QUESTIONS, PLEASE UTILIZE ATTACHED BID CERTIFICATION QUESTIONS DOCUMENT.

**See attached documents:**

- 1 . Bid Certification Questions
- 2 . Commodity Requirements Document
- 3 . Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurement (Domestic)

**Attributes :**

1. FOOD SAFETY MODERIZATION ACT
2. SIZE STANDARD
3. SAM REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS
4. AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION
5. ON TIME DELIVERIES
6. COMMERCIAL BRAND
7. PLACE OF PERFORMANCE
8. PLANTS
9. NON-MANUFACTURERS
10. SUPPLIER AGREEMENT
11. PERSON SUBMITTING OFFER
12. EMERGENCY CONTACT
13. OFFEROR REQUESTS HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS PRICE EVALUATION PREFERENCE.
14. GS1 (GDSN)

**Bid invitation Item details**

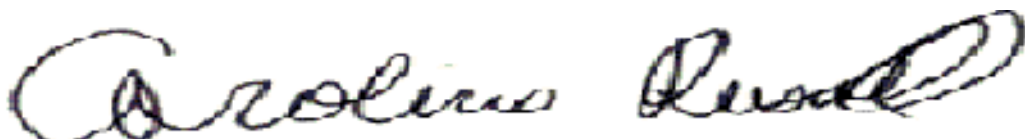
Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
<b>10</b>		<b>CHEESE, MOZZARELLA</b>			
<b>20</b>		<b>CHEESE MOZ LM PT SKM STRING BOX-360/1 OZ</b>			
<b>30</b>		<b>PHOENIX AZ</b>			
40	110396	CHEESE MOZ LM PT SKM STRING BOX-360/1 OZ	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	85043	37,800.000 LB
<b>50</b>		<b>LOT: 106270366 NEWARK NJ / VINELAND NJ /</b>			
60	110396	CHEESE MOZ LM PT SKM STRING	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	07114	LB

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		BOX-360/1 OZ			18,900.000	
70	110396	CHEESE MOZ LM PT SKM STRING BOX-360/1 OZ	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	08360	18,900.000	LB
<b>80 LOT: 272994982 SOUTH WINDSOR CT / TAU...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 272994982 SOUTH WINDSOR CT / TAUNTON MA /						
90	110396	CHEESE MOZ LM PT SKM STRING BOX-360/1 OZ	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	06074	12,600.000	LB
100	110396	CHEESE MOZ LM PT SKM STRING BOX-360/1 OZ	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	02780	25,200.000	LB
Total Quantity for CHEESE MOZ LM PT SKM STRING BOX-360/1 OZ					113,400.000	LB
Total Quantity for Invitation					113,400.000	LB



Contracting Officer

Commodity Procurement Division

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