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Washington, DC 20036

#### Information

Description: 12-3J14-22-B-0148  
Bid invitation number: 2000008282  
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 01/11/2022 14:30:00  
Offer Due Date : 01/25/2022 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 01/25/2022 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

Dried Fruit and Nut Mix Products, SOLICITATION NO: 2000008282

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Dried Fruit and Nut Mix, 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, February 8, 2022. Deliveries are to be made between April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

The Specialist for this solicitation is Samantha Klagenberg, [samantha.klagenberg@usda.gov](mailto:samantha.klagenberg@usda.gov). The Contracting Officer for this solicitation is, LaShawne Brown, [lashawne.brown@usda.gov](mailto:lashawne.brown@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.

\*\* As a result of the Checkloading Phase Out Program, the requirements for check loading Dried Fruit and Nut Mix by USDA inspectors outlined in the attached Commodity Specifications are No Longer applicable.

Note- 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 Dried Fruit and Nut Mix awarded under this solicitation. Also, SCI will conduct periodic verifications of the vendors commercial practices to ensure they meet the contractual requirements

Offerors should take into account their processing capacity due to COVID regulation constraints when bidding to ensure they are able to meet the delivery deadlines.

Set asides include:

100297 FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1LB - 100% Small Business.

\*\* For a new-to-USDA contractor and existing contractors who are bidding on new products, a probationary period will 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.\*\*

Per FDA regulations, the following minimum mandatory labeling requirements for all foods, whether sold or donated, must appear on the label: Name of the food, Manufacturer's name and location, Net weight of the product, Ingredients list, and Allergen declaration. These requirements are codified in 21

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CFR 101.2, 101.3, 101.4 and 101.5. See the following link for a guidance manual:  
<http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/LabelingNutrition/ucm064894.htm>

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.

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 Dried Fruit dated January 2021; the Commodity Specification for Shelled Nuts dated August 2021; 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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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 . MSCP-D (09-01-21)
- 2 . Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit January 2021
- 3 . Commodity Specification for Shelled Tree Nuts April 2020
- 4 . Commodity Specification for Shelled Tree Nuts\_Amendment 1 August

**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?

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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

Offeror represents that IAW 52.204-25, it does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services

Offeror represents that IAW FAR 52.204-25, it will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract or other contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation.

**Bid invitation Item details**

	Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
<b>10</b>	<b>FRUIT, DRIED</b>						
<b>20</b>	<b>FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB</b>						
<b>30</b>	<b>INDUSTRY CA</b>						
40	100297		FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/16/2022-04/30/2022	90601	1,456.000	CS
50	100297		FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/16/2022-05/31/2022	90601	1,456.000	CS
60	100297		FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	06/16/2022-06/30/2022	90601	1,456.000	CS
<b>70</b>	<b>BALTIMORE MD</b>						
80	100297		FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	06/01/2022-06/15/2022	21227	1,456.000	CS
<b>90</b>	<b>CANTON OH</b>						
100	100297		FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/16/2022-05/31/2022	44714	1,456.000	CS
<b>110</b>	<b>HARRISBURG PA</b>						
120	100297		FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	06/16/2022-06/30/2022	17104	1,456.000	CS
<b>130</b>	<b>JENKINS TOWNSHIP PA</b>						
140	100297		FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/01/2022-05/15/2022	18640	1,456.000	CS

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150	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	06/16/2022-06/30/2022	18640	1,456.000	CS
<b>160 NAZARETH PA</b>						
170	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/16/2022-05/31/2022	18064	1,456.000	CS
<b>180 PHILADELPHIA PA</b>						
190	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	19129	1,456.000	CS
200	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	06/01/2022-06/15/2022	19129	1,456.000	CS
<b>210 LOT: 44120942 BURLEY ID / CALDWELL ID /</b>						
220	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/01/2022-05/15/2022	83318	970.000	CS
230	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	05/01/2022-05/15/2022	83605	486.000	CS
<b>240 LOT: 95487024 EXTON PA / YORK PA /</b>						
250	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	06/16/2022-06/30/2022	19341	364.000	CS
260	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	06/16/2022-06/30/2022	17402	1,092.000	CS
<b>270 LOT: 203509413 PHILADELPHIA PA / READ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 203509413 PHILADELPHIA PA / READING PA /						
280	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	06/01/2022-06/15/2022	19128	728.000	CS
290	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	06/01/2022-06/15/2022	19608	728.000	CS
<b>300 LOT: 337572052 PHILADELPHIA PA / READ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 337572052 PHILADELPHIA PA / READING PA /						
310	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	19128	728.000	CS
320	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	19608	728.000	CS
<b>330 LOT: 486296470 CONCORDIA KS / WICHITA...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 486296470 CONCORDIA KS / WICHITA KS /						
340	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	06/16/2022-06/30/2022	66901	704.000	CS
350	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	06/16/2022-06/30/2022	67211	752.000	CS

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<b>360 LOT: 519377901 DUQUESNE PA / ERIE PA ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 519377901 DUQUESNE PA / ERIE PA / REPUBLIC PA /						
370	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	15110		CS
					728.000	
380	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	16501		CS
					364.000	
390	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	15475		CS
					364.000	
<b>400 LOT: 729961157 CONCORDIA KS / KANSAS ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 729961157 CONCORDIA KS / KANSAS CITY MO /						
410	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	06/16/2022-06/30/2022	66901		CS
					530.000	
420	100297	FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	06/16/2022-06/30/2022	64129		CS
					926.000	
Total Quantity for FRUIT AND NUT MIX DRIED PKG-24/1 LB						CS
					26,208.000	
Total Quantity for Invitation						CS
					26,208.000	



**Contracting Officer**  
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