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Information

Description: 12-3J14-22-B-0157
Bid invitation number: 2000008296
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

SOLICITATION Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 01/13/2022 08:15:00
Offer Due Date : 01/26/2022 13:00:00

Opening date: 01/26/2022 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Frozen Fruit, SOLICITATION NO: 2000008296

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Frozen Fruit 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 9, 2022. Deliveries are to be made between April 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2022.

The Specialist for this solicitation is Suzette Offer (suzette.offer@usda.gov) and the Contracting Officer is Kyla Stoufer (Kyla.Stoufer@usda.gov). Any questions or concern regarding this solicitation should be addressed to the specialist first.

As a result of the Checkloading Phase Out Program, the requirements for check loading Frozen Fruit by USDA inspectors outlined in the attached Commodity Specifications are No Longer applicable.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 Frozen Fruit awarded under this solicitation. Also, SCI will conduct periodic verifications of the vendors commercial practices to ensure they meet the contractual requirements.

SET ASIDE

110470, APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB, Small Business 100%, SDVOB 10%
100258, APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-30 LB, Small Business 100%
100243, BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB, Small Business 100%
100242, BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB, Small Business 100%

** For a new-to-USDA contractor and existing contractors who 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.**

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

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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 August 2020, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Fruit dated April 2020 for 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.

"The USDA prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.) To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 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 . Commodity Specifications for Frozen Fruit April 2020
- 2 . MSCP-D (09-01-21)

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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

Offeror certifies that this offer is compliant with FAR 52.204-25 and does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services.

Offeror certifies that this offer is compliant with FAR 52.204-25 and will not provide covered

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telecommunications equipment or services in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation.

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

Permitted values: - NO
 - YES

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 20 days after contract award, 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	FRUIT, FROZEN					
20	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB					
30	PLANO TX					
40	110470	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/16/2022-06/30/2022	75075	1,320.000	CS
50	LOT: 12418906 WICHITA KS					
60	110470	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	67211	682.000	CS
70	110470	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	67219	638.000	CS
80	LOT: 446912066 WICHITA KS / KANSAS CI...					
	Tendering text - Item : LOT: 446912066 WICHITA KS / KANSAS CITY MO /					
90	110470	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/16/2022-06/30/2022	67219	482.000	CS
100	110470	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/16/2022-06/30/2022	64129	838.000	CS
110	LOT: 963010244 WICHITA KS / KANSAS CI...					
	Tendering text - Item : LOT: 963010244 WICHITA KS / KANSAS CITY MO /					
120	110470	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	67219	482.000	CS
130	110470	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	64129	838.000	CS
140	LOT: 988568046 WICHITA KS					

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
150	110470	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/16/2022-06/30/2022	67211	682.000	CS
160	110470	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/16/2022-06/30/2022	67219	638.000	CS
Total Quantity for APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB					6,600.000	CS
170 APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-30 LB						
180 TAUNTON MA						
190	100258	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-30 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	02780	1,320.000	CS
200	100258	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-30 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	02780	1,320.000	CS
210	100258	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-30 LB	04/16/2022-04/30/2022	02780	1,320.000	CS
220 POCOMOKE MD						
230	100258	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-30 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	21854	1,320.000	CS
Total Quantity for APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-30 LB					5,280.000	CS
240 BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB						
250 EAST POINT GA						
260	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/16/2022-06/30/2022	30344	1,320.000	CS
270 GENEVA IL						
280	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/16/2022-06/30/2022	60134	1,320.000	CS
290 LORAIN OH						
300	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	05/16/2022-05/31/2022	44053	1,320.000	CS
310 PORTLAND OR						
320	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	97211	1,320.000	CS
Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB					5,280.000	CS
330 BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB						
340 GARLAND TX						
350	110624	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB	05/01/2022-05/15/2022	75040	1,320.000	CS

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-30 LB						CS
					1,320.000	
360 BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-20/1 LB						
370 NAMPA ID						
380	111465	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-20/1 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	83687		CS
					2,000.000	
390 KANSAS CITY MO						
400	111465	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-20/1 LB	05/01/2022-05/15/2022	64161		CS
					2,000.000	
Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-20/1 LB						CS
					4,000.000	
410 BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB						
420 LOT: 153088852 FORT WAYNE IN / SOUTH ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 153088852 FORT WAYNE IN / SOUTH BEND IN /						
VINCENNES IN /						
430	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	46803		CS
					330.000	
440	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	46628		CS
					660.000	
450	100243	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	47591		CS
					330.000	
Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-30 LB						CS
					1,320.000	
460 BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB						
470 POCOMOKE MD						
480	100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	04/01/2022-04/15/2022	21854		CS
					1,440.000	
Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB						CS
					1,440.000	
Total Quantity for Invitation						CS
					25,240.000	



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