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Room 3522-S, STOP 0239  
Washington, DC 20036

## Information

Description: **12-3J14-22-B-0200**  
Bid invitation number: **2000008355**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION Domestic Commodity Invitation

### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 02/07/2022 10:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 02/18/2022 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 02/18/2022 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

Frozen Fruit, SOLICITATION NO: 2000008355, Commodity Credit Corporation

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, March 1, 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](mailto:suzette.offer@usda.gov)) and the Contracting Officer is Kyla Stoufer ([Kyla.stoufer@usda.gov](mailto: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requirements for check loading Frozen Fruit by USDA inspectors outlined in the attached Commodity Specifications are No Longer applicable.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.

\*\*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 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.

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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.

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**See attached documents:**

- 1 . Commodity Specifications for Frozen Fruit April 2020
- 2 . MSCP-D (09-01-21)

**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

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- 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 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: - YES  
 - NO

[https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/GS1\\_GDSN\\_ListofRequiredProducts.xlsx](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 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**

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
<b>10 FRUIT, FROZEN</b>						
<b>20 BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB</b>						
<b>30 BAKERSFIELD CA</b>						
40	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/16/2022-04/30/2022	93301	1,320.000	CS
<b>50 DIXON CA</b>						
60	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/16/2022-04/30/2022	95620	1,320.000	CS
<b>70 ONTARIO CA</b>						
80	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/01/2022-06/15/2022	91761	1,320.000	CS
<b>90 DOUGLAS GA</b>						
100	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/16/2022-04/30/2022	31533	1,320.000	CS
<b>110 LEESBURG GA</b>						
120	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/16/2022-04/30/2022	31763	1,320.000	CS
<b>130 LITHIA SPRINGS GA</b>						
140	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/16/2022-04/30/2022	30122	1,320.000	CS
<b>150 CEDAR FALLS IA</b>						
160	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/16/2022-04/30/2022	50613	1,320.000	CS
<b>170 LOT: 200813452 CLEVELAND GA / CHATTAN...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 200813452 CLEVELAND GA / CHATTANOOGA TN /						
180	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/16/2022-04/30/2022	30528	862.000	CS
190	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/16/2022-04/30/2022	37421	458.000	CS
<b>200 LOT: 226453163 CASTLE ROCK CO / COLOR...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 226453163 CASTLE ROCK CO / COLORADO SPRINGS CO / LITTLETON CO /						
210	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	05/01/2022-05/15/2022	80109	330.000	CS
220	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	05/01/2022-05/15/2022	80907	660.000	CS
230	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	05/01/2022-05/15/2022	80120	330.000	CS
<b>240 LOT: 548726227 CENTENNIAL CO / COLORA...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 548726227 CENTENNIAL CO / COLORADO SPRINGS CO / GRAND JUNCTION CO /						
250	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/16/2022-04/30/2022	80112	440.000	CS
260	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/16/2022-04/30/2022	80907	550.000	CS
270	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/16/2022-04/30/2022	81501	330.000	CS
<b>280 LOT: 576612852 BOULDER CO / COLORADO ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 576612852 BOULDER CO / COLORADO SPRINGS CO / LONGMONT CO /						
290	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/01/2022-06/15/2022	80303	330.000	CS

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300	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/01/2022-06/15/2022	80907	660.000 CS
310	110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/01/2022-06/15/2022	80503	330.000 CS
<b>Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB</b>					<b>14,520.000 CS</b>
<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>					<b>14,520.000 CS</b>



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