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Information

Description: 12-3J14-22-B-0216
Bid invitation number: 2000008371
Purchasing Group: AMS-Livestock

**SOLICITATION
Domestic Commodity Invitation**

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 02/11/2022 11:45:00
Offer Due Date : 02/25/2022 13:00:00

Opening date: 02/25/2022 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

FROZEN BISON PRODUCTS SOLICITATION NO: 2000008371

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell bison products 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 8, 2022. Deliveries are to be made between May 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

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This solicitation includes the following provisions and requirements for purchases under Supplement 603 March 2021 and amends the following sections of the Federal Purchase Program Specification (FPPS) for Ground Bison March 2021.

For this solicitation only, FPPS Ground Bison 2021 is amended as follows:

Revise Section 410 to read:

410.,,All finished bison products shall be frozen to an internal temperature of not higher than 0°F (-17.8°C) within 72 hours from the time the lot is placed in the freezer.

Revise Section 800.1.5 to read:

800.1.5.,,,For every lot of Bison Manufacturing Trimmings, one sample shall be prepared from 60 pieces of trim from 60 different pieces of bison product. The sample for co-enrichment of E. coli O157:H7 and Salmonella shall be 60 pieces and weigh 325 grams ± 10 percent.

Revise Section 800.2.2 to read:

800.2.2.,,,Notification for presence of pathogens # When presence of E. coli O157:H7 or Salmonella is presumptive positive or confirmed positive the ADL shall immediately notify FSIS (pathogens only) and the Standards and Specification Division (SSD).

Revise Section 800.2.4 and 800.2.5 to read:

800.2.4.,,,Any lot that tests positive for E. coli O157:H7 or Salmonella cannot be used to produce ground bison or any other product purchased by USDA.

800.2.5.,,,Any lot subjected to microbial analysis by FSIS or other regulatory authority that results in a positive finding for E. coli O157:H7 or Salmonella cannot be used to produce ground bison or any other product purchased by USDA.

Revise Section 810.1.4.1 to read:

810.1.4.1.,,,Sub-lot Microbial Testing # For every sub-lot, two original and reserve samples shall be prepared from four individual sample units. The sub-lot samples shall be 325 grams ± 10 percent for co-enrichment of E. coli O157:H7 and Salmonella of finished ground bison, randomly selected

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throughout each 10,000 pounds of production. The four individual sample units shall be composited to produce a sample that represents each microbial test for each sub-lot. The contractor shall describe in their technical proposal the procedure in which the four sample units shall be selected throughout the sub-lot to be composited for each microbial test. These samples shall be submitted to the ADL for analysis. The reserve samples shall be held for testing in case the SSD deems it necessary. The contractor shall describe, in their technical proposal the method to be used to maintain the identity and traceability of each sub-lot. No more than 10,000 pounds shall be produced during each sub-lot, except for the last sub-lot produced in the lot may exceed the 10,000-pound limitation by five percent.

Revise Sections 810.1.5.2, 810.1.5.3 and 810.1.5.6 to read:

810.1.5.2,,,,Any sub-lot that tests positive for E. coli O157:H7, Salmonella, shall result in that sub-lot and adjoining sub-lots (one preceding and one following within #clean up to clean up#) being ineligible for this program or any other USDA purchase program. Additionally, any sub-lot subjected to microbial analysis by FSIS or other regulatory authority that results in a positive finding for E. coli O157:H7 or Salmonella shall result in that sub-lot and adjoining sub-lots being ineligible for this program or any other USDA purchase program. Other sub-lots produced within that lot unit shall be deemed ineligible for this program unless the contractor can demonstrate a scientific or other data-supported basis for defining the sub-lot(s) relative to test results and why ground bison produced from same source material that resulted in the ineligible determination should not be considered affected by the test results.,,

810.1.5.3,,,,Notification for presence of pathogens # When presence of E. coli O157:H7 or Salmonella is presumptive positive or confirmed positive:

810.1.5.6,,,,The ground bison associated with the positive pathogen test results shall be ineligible for any USDA purchase program.

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.

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.

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 offerors 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. Timely delivery is important to fulfill the nutritional and dietary needs of persons for whom the commodity is intended. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated September 2021; Supplement 603 Frozen Bison dated March 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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See attached documents:

- 1 . AMS Master Solicitation CP - September 2021
- 2 . Supplement 603 Frozen Bison Specification - March 2021
- 3 . GS1 Certification

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 SUB CONTRACTOR HAVE COMPLETED REQUIRED

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PERFORMANCE OF ANY USDA CONTACT 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 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

The offeror has reviewed the List of Required Products for GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN) Reporting. Please see attached GS1 attribute question.

Bid invitation Item details

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
10		BISON PRODUCTS			
20		BISON GROUND LEAN FRZ PKG-40/1 LB			
30		NAMPA ID			
40	110001	BISON GROUND LEAN FRZ PKG-40/1 LB	05/01/2022-05/15/2022	83687	LB

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
					40,000.000
50	110001	BISON GROUND LEAN FRZ PKG-40/1 LB	08/01/2022-08/15/2022	83687	LB
					40,000.000
60 KANSAS CITY MO					
70	110001	BISON GROUND LEAN FRZ PKG-40/1 LB	05/01/2022-05/15/2022	64161	LB
					40,000.000
80	110001	BISON GROUND LEAN FRZ PKG-40/1 LB	06/01/2022-06/15/2022	64161	LB
					40,000.000
90	110001	BISON GROUND LEAN FRZ PKG-40/1 LB	08/01/2022-08/15/2022	64161	LB
					40,000.000
Total Quantity for BISON GROUND LEAN FRZ PKG-40/1 LB					LB
					200,000.000
Total Quantity for Invitation					LB
					200,000.000



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