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Washington, DC 20036

#### Information

Description: 12-3J14-22-B-0467  
Bid invitation number: 2000008680  
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 07/20/2022 14:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 07/27/2022 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 07/27/2022 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

Kosher Canned Fruit, SOLICITATION NO: 2000008680

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Kosher Canned 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, August 3, 2022. Deliveries are to be made between October 16, 2022 and January 15, 2023.

The specialist for this solicitation is Ashley Train (Ashley.Train@usda.gov). The contracting officer for this solicitation is Kelli Dawkins (Kelli.Dawkins@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.

\* \* \* THE FOLLOWING LINE ITEMS ARE KOSHER PRODUCTS

- 110053 K APPLESAUCE CAN-6/10
- 110055 K PEARS SLICES CAN-6/10

For this solicitation all 'K' products listed above must comply with applicable dietary (Kosher) laws as established by 613 Council of Kashruth. Manufacturing plants shall be certified for compliance with the Kosher requirement by contacting the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York (BJENY) at 646-472-5368. At no cost to the vendor, a rabbinic supervisor will be sent to certify compliance of the manufacturing plant with the dietary (kosher) laws. Vendors must not bid on these purchase units unless they can be properly certified. Kosher products purchased solely for the #613 Council of Kashruth# do not require a Kosher symbol on the primary or secondary container. \* \* \*

Packing Season: All fresh products to be processed, must be from the current crop year, 2022 and onward.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver by the required NLT dates.

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"

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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.

Canned products will be accepted for up to 18 months from the date of inspection.

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.

Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated August 2020, the Commodity Specification for Canned Fruit dated May 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 . Commodity\_Specification\_for\_Canned\_Fruit\_May\_2021

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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:
- Have been delivered
  - Have not been delivered
  - Have not been delivered, but the Offeror has notified the Contracting Officer
  - There are no existing contracts/purchase orders

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:
- Yes
  - No
  - N/A

Offeror represents that IAW 52.204-25, it does not use covered telecommunications equipment or

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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, CANNED</b>							
	<b>20</b>	<b>K APPLESAUCE CAN-6/10</b>						
		<b>30</b>	<b>WAYNE NJ</b>					
	40	110053	K APPLESAUCE CAN-6/10	10/16/2022-10/31/2022	07470		CS	
						4,560.000		
	50	110053	K APPLESAUCE CAN-6/10	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	07470		CS	
						3,648.000		
			<b>Total Quantity for K APPLESAUCE CAN-6/10</b>				CS	
						8,208.000		
<b>60</b>	<b>K PEARS SLICES CAN-6/10</b>							
		<b>70</b>	<b>WAYNE NJ</b>					
	80	110055	K PEARS SLICES CAN-6/10	10/16/2022-10/31/2022	07470		CS	
						3,648.000		
	90	110055	K PEARS SLICES CAN-6/10	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	07470		CS	
						3,648.000		
			<b>Total Quantity for K PEARS SLICES CAN-6/10</b>				CS	
						7,296.000		
			<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>				CS	
						15,504.000		



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