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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-22-B-0527**
Bid invitation number: **2000008767**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 08/29/2022 16:00:00
Offer Due Date : 09/06/2022 15:00:00

Opening date: 09/06/2022 15:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Dried Fruit Products, Section 32 - FOB ORIGIN- SOLICITATION NO: 2000008767

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Dried 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, September 14, 2022. Deliveries will occur between October 16, 2022- December 31, 2022.

* ATTENTION* Commodity Procurement Program will be responsible for booking freight from contractor shipping point to its final destination. Offer prices should not reflect transportation to the final destination as listed on the solicitation. Offeror is still responsible in including inspection costs into their bid price. * ATTENTION*

Please note: 52.247-34 F.o.b. Destination (Nov 1991) will not be followed in this solicitation. Instead, 52.247-30 F.o.b. Origin, Contractor's Facility will be followed. Offerors can view the full text here: <https://www.acquisition.gov/far/52.247-30>

The contracting officer for this solicitation is David Cottrell, david.cottrell@usda.gov. Do not discuss your bid prices with the specialist or contracting officer before award.

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. This solicitation is released alongside 2000008705, offerors should therefore take into consideration any awards they may win on that solicitation and take that into account when setting capacity constraints.

Set asides include:

100289,,FIG PIECES PKG-24/1 LB,,

100% Small Business Set-aside

Crop Year:

For this solicitation, fruit to be dried must be from the 2021 or 2022 crop year.

** 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.**

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.

Purchases will be made on an f.o.b. origin contractor location. 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 March 2022; the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit 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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See attached documents:

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- 1 . CommoditySpecificationforDriedFruitJanuary2021
- 2 . AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurement 3-1-2022

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

Bid invitation Item details

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Item	Material Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
4920	FRUIT, DRIED				
4930	FIG PIECES PKG-24/1 LB				
4940	WOODLAND CA				
4950	100289 FIG PIECES PKG-24/1 LB	10/16/2022-10/31/2022	95776	1,584.000	CS
4960	GAINESVILLE FL				
4970	100289 FIG PIECES PKG-24/1 LB	11/01/2022-11/15/2022	32601	1,584.000	CS
4980	LAKE WORTH BEACH FL				
4990	100289 FIG PIECES PKG-24/1 LB	10/16/2022-10/31/2022	33461	1,584.000	CS
5000	ATHENS GA				
5010	100289 FIG PIECES PKG-24/1 LB	11/01/2022-11/15/2022	30607	1,584.000	CS
5020	OFFSHORE: CAROLINA PR				
5030	100289 FIG PIECES PKG-24/1 LB	12/16/2022-12/31/2022	00982	1,584.000	CS
5040	HOUSTON TX				
5050	100289 FIG PIECES PKG-24/1 LB	10/16/2022-10/31/2022	77029	1,584.000	CS
	Total Quantity for FIG PIECES PKG-24/1 LB			9,504.000	CS
	Total Quantity for Invitation			9,504.000	CS

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Contracting Officer

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