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Information

Description: 12-3J14-22-B-0536
Bid invitation number: 2000008779
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

SOLICITATION

Master/Shortfall Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 09/02/2022 13:30:00
Offer Due Date : 09/09/2022 15:00:00

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

Invitation Type : Master

Additional requested information:

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CANNED SEASONAL VEGETABLES, SOLICITATION NO: 2000008779

The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) requests offers to sell Canned and Frozen Vegetable Products pursuant to the attached Invitation for Bids (IFB) solicitation document for use in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs. Awards will be announced by Midnight, Thursday, September 15, 2022. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2023, and September 30, 2023.

There is a probationary period for new-to-AMS contractors and existing contractors bidding on new products in which awards are limited to 10 truckloads per product. Contractor must demonstrate successful delivery of at least five (5) truckloads of [new] 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.

The Sodium content for all products under this solicitation only# Zero (0) to 140 mg per serving (defined as ½ cup).

Vegetables used for this purchase may be from the 2021 or 2022 crop year.

Must meet all requirements of the Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetables April 2021 with the following changes/exceptions:

* Mixed Vegetables

Container size: 24/#300 size can

Proportions: For Carrots (Diced) and Potatoes (Diced) # 40% (+ /-) 10% for each vegetable # Maximum 80% combined total.

For Lima beans, thin seeded, Peas, sweet, Beans, green (Short, cut, or mixed), Corn, yellow (Whole kernel), and Celery (Cut, ½ inch maximum in length) - Minimum 20% combined total for all five vegetable sub-types. Minimum 2% for each individual vegetable sub-type.

Total percentages of potatoes, carrots, and the five other vegetable sub-types must equal 100%. Sodium content: Zero (0) mg to 140 mg per serving (defined as ½ cup).

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

* Carrots (diced)

Container size: 6/#10 size can.

Minimum drain weight of carrots:

63% of the declared label weight (net) of the can.

Sodium content # Zero (0) to 140 mg per serving (defined as ½ cup).

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

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 proposals. 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 instructions or call (202) 720-4517 for assistance.

Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated March 2022; Commodity Specifications for Canned Vegetables dated April 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 . Exhibit 2- Order Estimates
- 2 . Part B Schedule
- 3 . Vegetable Invitation for Bids_2000008779
- 4 . MSCP-D and Commodity Specifications

Attributes :

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 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).

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

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.

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	Quantity
10 VEGETABLE, CANNED	
20 100320 VEG MIX CAN-24/300	CS
	345,060.000
Total Quantity for VEG MIX CAN-24/300	CS

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Item	Material	Description	Quantity	
			345,060.000	
30	100309	CARROTS CAN-6/10		CS
		Total Quantity for CARROTS CAN-6/10	40,128.000	CS
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40	100308	CARROTS CAN-24/300		CS
		Total Quantity for CARROTS CAN-24/300	98,820.000	CS
			98,820.000	
50	100314	PEAS CAN-24/300		CS
		Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-24/300	315,900.000	CS
			315,900.000	
60	100315	PEAS CAN-6/10		CS
		Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-6/10	16,416.000	CS
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		Total Quantity for Invitation		CS
			816,324.000	



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