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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-22-B-0548**
Bid invitation number: **2000008791**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 09/08/2022 16:00:00
Offer Due Date : 09/16/2022 13:00:00

Opening date: 09/16/2022 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Dried Fruit Products, Section 32, SOLICITATION NO: 2000008791

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 27, 2022. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2023 through February 28, 2023.

The specialist for this solicitation is Shelia Tucker, Shelia.Tucker@usda.gov. The contracting officer for this solicitation is Kyla Stoufer, Kyla.Stoufer@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.

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.

Crop Year:

The fruit to be dried must be from the 2021 or 2022 crop year will be acceptable for this solicitation, for CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB

** 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 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.

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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.

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; the Section 32 Specification for Dried Sweet Cherries dated February 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.

The USDA prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.) To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).

See attached documents:

1 . Section_32_Specification_for_Dried_Sweet_Cherries_February_2021

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- 2 . CommoditySpecificationforDriedFruitJanuary2021
- 3 . 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

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- No
- N/A

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

1A) Offeror has reviewed the List of Required Products for GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN) Reporting located at:

- Permitted values:
- NO
 - YES

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 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	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
10		FRUIT, DRIED			
20		CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB			
30		WALLINGFORD CT			
40	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	02/16/2023-02/28/2023	06492	CS 1,728.000
50		ORLANDO FL			
60	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	32805	CS 1,728.000
70		TAMPA FL			
80	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	33605	CS 1,728.000
90		ATHENS GA			
100	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	30607	CS 1,728.000
110		CREEDMOOR NC			
120	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	27522	CS 1,728.000

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130 VINELAND NJ						
140	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/16/2023-01/31/2023	08360	1,728.000	CS
150 PORTLAND OR						
160	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	02/16/2023-02/28/2023	97211	1,728.000	CS
170 OFFSHORE: CAGUAS PR						
180	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	00725	1,728.000	CS
190 AUSTIN TX						
200	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	02/16/2023-02/28/2023	78744	1,728.000	CS
210 HOUSTON TX						
220	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	77029	1,728.000	CS
230 PLANO TX						
240	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	75075	1,728.000	CS
250 AUBURN WA						
260	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/16/2023-01/31/2023	98001	1,728.000	CS
270 LOT: 1606905 AIKEN SC / NO CHARLESTON...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 1606905 AIKEN SC / NO CHARLESTON SC /						
280	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	29803	864.000	CS
290	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	29405	864.000	CS
300 LOT: 18931514 INDIANAPOLIS IN / LAFAY...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 18931514 INDIANAPOLIS IN / LAFAYETTE IN / MERRILLVILLE IN /						
310	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/16/2023-01/31/2023	46241	816.000	CS
320	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/16/2023-01/31/2023	47904	447.000	CS
330	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/16/2023-01/31/2023	46410	465.000	CS
340 LOT: 21829604 MISSOULA MT / EVANSVILL...						

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Tendering text - Item : LOT: 21829604 MISSOULA MT / EVANSVILLE WY /						
350	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/16/2023-01/31/2023	59808	864.000	CS
360	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/16/2023-01/31/2023	82636	864.000	CS
370 LOT: 82554054 JENKINS TOWNSHIP PA / N...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 82554054 JENKINS TOWNSHIP PA / NAZARETH PA /						
READING PA /						
380	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	18640	864.000	CS
390	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	18064	432.000	CS
400	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	19608	432.000	CS
410 LOT: 91233290 GROVE CITY OH / LIMA OH...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 91233290 GROVE CITY OH / LIMA OH / LOGAN OH						
/						
420	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/16/2023-01/31/2023	43123	864.000	CS
430	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/16/2023-01/31/2023	45804	432.000	CS
440	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/16/2023-01/31/2023	43138	432.000	CS
450 LOT: 199034569 BRIDGETON MO / KANSAS ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 199034569 BRIDGETON MO / KANSAS CITY MO /						
SPRINGFIELD MO /						
460	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	02/16/2023-02/28/2023	63044	723.000	CS
470	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	02/16/2023-02/28/2023	64129	513.000	CS
480	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	02/16/2023-02/28/2023	65803	492.000	CS
490 LOT: 213390467 ROCHESTER NY / SYRACUS...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 213390467 ROCHESTER NY / SYRACUSE NY /						
500	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	14615	864.000	CS
510	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	13209	864.000	CS

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520 LOT: 240964538 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSO...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 240964538 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSON MS /						
530	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	38606	432.000	CS
540	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	39201	1,296.000	CS
550 LOT: 279928472 PHOENIX AZ / TUCSON AZ /						
560	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	85009	864.000	CS
570	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	85713	864.000	CS
580 LOT: 294705372 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSO...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 294705372 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSON MS /						
590	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	38606	432.000	CS
600	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	39201	1,296.000	CS
610 LOT: 331775037 HILO HI / HONOLULU HI ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 331775037 HILO HI / HONOLULU HI / LIHUE HI / WAILUKU HI /						
620	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	96720	361.000	CS
630	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	96819	1,030.000	CS
640	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	96766	92.000	CS
650	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	96793	245.000	CS
660 LOT: 382724610 BUTLER PA / DELMONT PA...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 382724610 BUTLER PA / DELMONT PA / SHARON PA /						
670	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	16001	432.000	CS
680	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	15626	864.000	CS
690	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	16146	432.000	CS
700 LOT: 422149395 ELIZABETHTOWN KY / LEX...						

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Tendering text - Item : LOT: 422149395 ELIZABETHTOWN KY / LEXINGTON KY / LOUISVILLE KY /					
710	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	42701	CS 576.000
720	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	40511	CS 576.000
730	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	02/01/2023-02/15/2023	40228	CS 576.000
740 LOT: 439753291 OXNARD CA / SANTA MARI...					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 439753291 OXNARD CA / SANTA MARIA CA /					
750	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	93030	CS 864.000
760	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	93455	CS 864.000
770 LOT: 561417010 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORL...					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 561417010 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /					
780	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	70505	CS 864.000
790	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	70123	CS 864.000
800 LOT: 668441856 SAN JOSE CA / WATSONVI...					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 668441856 SAN JOSE CA / WATSONVILLE CA /					
810	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	95125	CS 864.000
820	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	95076	CS 864.000
830 LOT: 684898582 BATH MI / FLINT MI / O...					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 684898582 BATH MI / FLINT MI / OAK PARK MI /					
840	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	48808	CS 528.000
850	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	48503	CS 532.000
860	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	48237	CS 668.000
870 LOT: 723188174 BOSTON MA / HATFIELD M...					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 723188174 BOSTON MA / HATFIELD MA / LOWELL MA /					
880	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	02118	CS

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					864.000	
890	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	01038		CS
					432.000	
900	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	01854		CS
					432.000	
910 LOT: 750561111 EAU CLAIRE WI / MADISO...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 750561111 EAU CLAIRE WI / MADISON WI / WEST MILWAUKEE WI /						
920	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/16/2023-01/31/2023	54703		CS
					646.000	
930	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/16/2023-01/31/2023	53716		CS
					646.000	
940	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/16/2023-01/31/2023	53219		CS
					436.000	
950 LOT: 914573655 ELMIRA NY / ELMSFORD N...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 914573655 ELMIRA NY / ELMSFORD NY / HAUPPAUGE NY /						
960	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	14903		CS
					432.000	
970	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	10523		CS
					432.000	
980	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	11788		CS
					864.000	
990 LOT: 965418377 SACRAMENTO CA / STOCKT...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 965418377 SACRAMENTO CA / STOCKTON CA /						
1000	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	95838		CS
					864.000	
1010	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2023-01/15/2023	95205		CS
					864.000	
Total Quantity for CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB						CS
					57,024.000	
Total Quantity for Invitation						CS
					57,024.000	



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