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Information

Description: 12-3J14-23-B-0036
Bid invitation number: 2000008876
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

**SOLICITATION
Domestic Commodity Invitation**

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 10/28/2022 09:15:00
Offer Due Date : 11/10/2022 15:00:00

Opening date: 11/10/2022 15:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Fresh Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO: (2000008876) Fresh Potatoes

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh vegetables 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, November 23, 2022 . Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023.

100% Small Business Set Aside for all materials

2022 Crop Year will be accepted for this solicitation.

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh vegetables are required to undergo and pass the USDA AMS SCP Specialty Crop Inspection Division (SCID) Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices (GHP) verification audits, and must score at least 80% on each of the following scopes for each product being offered:

- GAP - Farm Review AND Field Harvesting & Field Packing Activities
- GHP - House Packing Facility AND Storage & Transportation

All these requirements must be met PRIOR to the bid opening date.

Brokers are exempt from the USDA GAP/GHP requirements themselves, HOWEVER suppliers/subcontractors performing under the contract must have the applicable USDA GAP/GHP certification(s). Verification audits shall be performed by the USDA, AMS, SCP-SCID representatives only.

In order to be found responsive the contractor and/or its subcontractors/suppliers must be compliance with USDA GAP/GHP certification. Offerors must include in their bid the GAP and GHP Audit Verification Document, which is found in the attachments section of this solicitation. Offerors who do not complete this document in its entirety, do not include the document as an attachment to their bid, or are missing the required USDA GAP/GHP scopes listed above must be deemed nonresponsive.

Inspection must be performed by SCI Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service only. Inspections under the Partners in Quality (PIQ) and Customer Assisted Inspection Program (CAIP) programs are not accepted for Commodity Procurement purchases.

All audits are valid for one year after the date the audit was conducted. More information on USDA

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GAP/GHP audits can be found here: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/gap-ghp> or by reaching out to scaudits@usda.gov

Awardees may ship and supply from any location found here:
<https://apps.ams.usda.gov/GAPGHP/reportG01.aspx>

If USDA/AMS finds that suppliers used by the contractor are not in compliance with AMS GAP/GHP certification requirements after the product is delivered, the following courses of action will apply:

1. A cure notice shall be issued informing the contractor of their failure to comply with the required elements of this solicitation. The USDA will then deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries shipped or invoiced prior to the date listed on the cure notice.
2. If the contractor ships noncompliant product after the date of the cure notice:
 - a. USDA/AMS will deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries;
 - b. The contract will be terminated for cause; and
 - c. The contractor will be suspended from participating in all future USDA/AMS fresh fruit and vegetable solicitations for a period of one year from the date of contract termination.

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 Fresh Vegetables; 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 Fresh Vegetables
- 2 . GAP and GHP Audit Verification Document
- 3 . AMS MSCP-D Dated 3-1-22

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).

1A) 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.

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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.

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

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10		VEGETABLE, FRESH				
20		POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB				
30		EXETER CA				
40	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/16/2023-01/18/2023	93221	800.000	CS
50		MERCED CA				
60	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/20/2023-02/22/2023	95348	800.000	CS
70		SAVANNAH GA				
80	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/30/2023-02/01/2023	31404	800.000	CS
90		GENEVA IL				
100	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/06/2023-03/08/2023	60134	800.000	CS
110		SPRINGFIELD IL				
120	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/13/2023-03/15/2023	62703	800.000	CS
130		ALEXANDRIA LA				
140	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/23/2023-01/25/2023	71301	800.000	CS
150		TAYLOR MI				
160	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/09/2023-01/11/2023	48180	800.000	CS
170		LAS VEGAS NV				

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180	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/16/2023-01/18/2023	89030	800.000	CS
190 CLEVELAND OH						
200	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/16/2023-01/18/2023	44110	800.000	CS
210	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/06/2023-03/08/2023	44110	800.000	CS
220 FORT WORTH TX						
230	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/02/2023-01/04/2023	76107	800.000	CS
240	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/09/2023-01/11/2023	76107	800.000	CS
250	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/16/2023-01/18/2023	76107	800.000	CS
260	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/23/2023-01/25/2023	76107	800.000	CS
270	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/30/2023-02/01/2023	76107	800.000	CS
280	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/06/2023-02/08/2023	76107	800.000	CS
290	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/13/2023-02/15/2023	76107	800.000	CS
300	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/20/2023-02/22/2023	76107	800.000	CS
310 PLANO TX						
320	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/02/2023-01/04/2023	75075	800.000	CS
330	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/23/2023-01/25/2023	75075	800.000	CS
340 LOT: 49985776 BOSTON MA / HATFIELD MA...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 49985776 BOSTON MA / HATFIELD MA / SHREWSBURY MA /						
350	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/06/2023-02/08/2023	02118	400.000	CS
360	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/06/2023-02/08/2023	01038	200.000	CS
370	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/06/2023-02/08/2023	01545	200.000	CS

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380 LOT: 352596381 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORL...					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 352596381 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /					
390	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/09/2023-01/11/2023	70505	CS 400.000
400	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/09/2023-01/11/2023	70123	CS 400.000
410 LOT: 360670412 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSO...					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 360670412 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSON MS /					
420	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/23/2023-01/25/2023	38606	CS 200.000
430	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/23/2023-01/25/2023	39201	CS 600.000
440 LOT: 371899912 BOSTON MA / LOWELL MA /					
450	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/13/2023-03/15/2023	02118	CS 600.000
460	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/13/2023-03/15/2023	01854	CS 200.000
470 LOT: 788381952 BOSTON MA / SHREWSBURY...					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 788381952 BOSTON MA / SHREWSBURY MA /					
480	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/09/2023-01/11/2023	02118	CS 600.000
490	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/09/2023-01/11/2023	01545	CS 200.000
500 LOT: 958549194 SARASOTA FL / TAMPA FL /					
510	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/30/2023-02/01/2023	34240	CS 400.000
520	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/30/2023-02/01/2023	33605	CS 400.000
530 LOT: 997615286 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSO...					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 997615286 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSON MS /					
540	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/20/2023-03/22/2023	38606	CS 200.000
550	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/20/2023-03/22/2023	39201	CS 600.000
560 LOT: 999324004 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSO...					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 999324004 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSON MS /					
570	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/20/2023-02/22/2023	38606	CS 200.000

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580	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/20/2023-02/22/2023	39201	600.000	CS
Total Quantity for POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB					22,400.000	CS
590 POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB						
600 EXETER CA						
610	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/20/2023-02/22/2023	93221	800.000	CS
620 SAN JOSE CA						
630	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/13/2023-03/15/2023	95134	800.000	CS
640 SALEM VA						
650	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/16/2023-01/18/2023	24153	800.000	CS
Total Quantity for POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB					2,400.000	CS
660 SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB						
670 EXETER CA						
680	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	01/02/2023-01/04/2023	93221	1,000.000	CS
690 SAN DIEGO CA						
700	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	02/27/2023-03/01/2023	92121	1,000.000	CS
710 SAN JOSE CA						
720	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	02/13/2023-02/15/2023	95134	1,000.000	CS
730 BALTIMORE MD						
740	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	02/20/2023-02/22/2023	21227	1,000.000	CS
750 CLEVELAND OH						
760	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	02/06/2023-02/08/2023	44110	1,000.000	CS
770 LORTON VA						
780	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	02/13/2023-02/15/2023	22079	1,000.000	CS
790 LOT: 877886221 BOSTON MA / HATFIELD M...						

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Tendering text - Item : LOT: 877886221 BOSTON MA / HATFIELD MA / SHREWSBURY MA /						
800	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	03/27/2023-03/29/2023	02118	500.000	CS
810	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	03/27/2023-03/29/2023	01038	250.000	CS
820	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	03/27/2023-03/29/2023	01545	250.000	CS
Total Quantity for SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB					7,000.000	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					31,800.000	CS

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