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**Information**

Description: 12-3J14-23-B-0237-0001  
Bid invitation number: 2000009124  
Purchasing Group: AMS-Domestic

**SOLICITATION**  
**Domestic Commodity Invitation**

**Bid invitation Overview**

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 02/14/2023 18:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 02/21/2023 09:00:00  
  
Opening date: 02/21/2023 09:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

**Additional requested information:**

**Amendment Text :**

0001 - Bulk Flour Product Specifications were added.

**Tendering text - Header :**

Please review all Solicitation documents.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Wheat Flour and Bakery Flour Products (Bulk Flour) pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the domestic food distribution programs. Bids are due by 9:00 am CT on 02/21/2023. Acceptances will be announced by 5pm CT on 02/28/2023. Deliveries are to be made between April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

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.

FLOUR BAKER HARD WHT UNBLCH-BULK SPECIFICATION (Material 100418): Product shall be milled from a blend of hard spring and winter wheat and meet the following protein requirements (see attached COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS for Bulk Flour) for their respective destination. Please refer to the Wheat Flour and Bakery Flour Commodity Requirements document for additional commodity specifications.

\*\*\*\*\* See attached COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS for Bulk Flour # 100418 & 100912\*\*\*\*\*

100418, Flour, Bakers, Hard Wheat, Unbleached, Bulk

BREAD FLOUR MATERIAL 100912 Specification to be received by Murfreesboro, TN and Norristown, PA

Ingredient Statement: Hard wheat flour enriched (niacin, ferrous sulfate, thiamine mononitrate, riboflavin, folic acid) enzyme. No other ingredients, carriers, or additives can be present in the flour.

Product Description: Product milled from clean hard wheat of sound quality with no sprout damage. This product shall be food grade and in compliance with the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act of 1938 as amended and applicable regulations there under.

Extraneous Matter: This product is in compliance with current regulatory requirements and does not

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exceed the defect action levels established by the US FDA.

Kosher Status: A copy of a current kosher certification must be sent prior to each delivery

Enzyme System: 1.90 Grams of Fungal Amylase per 100 pounds of flour Minimum  
 2.35 Grams of Fungal Amylase per 100 pounds of flour Maximum  
 100912, Flour, Bread, Bulk  
 Rich Products, Delivery location: Murfreesboro, TN  
 PA In-State Processor, Morabito Baking Company, Norristown, PA

Hard wheat flour enriched (niacin, ferrous sulfate, thiamine mononitrate, riboflavin, folic acid) enzyme. Mainly composed of Spring Wheat but can be a blend with Winter Wheat. No other ingredients, carriers, additives can be present in the flour.

**\*\* See attached COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS for Bulk Flour # 100418 & 100912\*\***

- Flour must be delivered within 30 days of being milled (Mill date must appear on COA)
- Flour delivery truck must be clean and with no evidence of insects and/or rodents.
- Flour bags, and pallets must be clean and with no evidence of insects and/or rodents.
- All deliveries must be accompanied by a COA of the delivered flour.
- COA must contain the requested specific targets and range and the corresponding actual value of the flour being delivered.
- Supplier must send MSDS sheets prior to delivery of flour.
- Bulk trucks and trailers must be sealed when loaded and seal numbers noted on the Bill of Lading and must match and be secure and checked by the receiving associate prior to unloading begins.
- All loads will be set up with delivery dates a minimum of two weeks in advance between recipient and supplier.
- Supplier is responsible to call and set up delivery appointment time 48 hours in advance with the receiving department. (Office Hours for Murfreesboro, TN: 7am to 3 pm Monday-Friday, 615-995-7398).

**TRUCK UNLOAD APPOINTMENT #** At least 72 hours in advance of delivery, contact a responsible representative at the applicable WBSCM Purchase Order Item#s Ship-to-Address for an unload appointment. Reference the WBSCM Purchase Order Number, Item Number and when provided, the Sales Order Number and item Number that a particular appointment is being made for.

This Acquisition has up to 10% Small Business Set-Aside for Bakery Flour items. All other items are Unrestricted. Bids received for the set-aside quantities from firms who are not small business concerns will not be considered. In the event the Government is unsuccessful in contracting with an eligible small business concerns for the set-aside quantities, the Government may award the quantities to other than small business concerns. The Contracting Officer reserves the right to utilize Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 19.507 Automatic dissolution of a small business set-aside. Any small business concern proposing to furnish a product that it did not itself manufacture must furnish the product of a small business and, by the offer due date/local time, submit the corresponding supplier agreement to, Attention: Contracting Officer. The supplier agreement shall: be in effect between the offeror and the product manufacturer for the period of contract performance, certify compliance with the applicable

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solicitation requirements, be on the product manufacturer's company letterhead, and be signed by both parties. A prospective contractor will be required to provide written evidence of a proposed subcontractor's responsibility including Plant Sanitation and Food Defense surveys. The Contracting Officer will directly determine a prospective subcontractor's responsibility, per FAR 9.104-4. 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.

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.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated March 1, 2022, the Commodity Requirements Document for Wheat Flour and Bakery Flour Products dated July 2021, or this Solicitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA, AMS, Commodity Procurement Program, Proteins, Grains, and Oilseeds Procurement Division; 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. S-0239; Washington, D.C. 20250-0239. Telephone: (202) 720-4517.

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**Certification Questions :**

Please answer all Bid Certification Questions.

**See attached documents:**

- 1 . Bid Certification Questions
- 2 . CRD\_WF\_BF
- 3 . Master Solicitation
- 4 . Bulk Flour Product Specifications

**Attributes :**

1. Food Safety Modernization Act
3. System for Award Management (SAM)
- 3a. SAM Representations and Certifications
4. Amendments to Solicitation
5. Timely Deliveries
  - Permitted values:
    - HAVE BEEN DELIVERED
    - HAVE NOT BEEN DELIVERED
    - NO PREVIOUS CONTRACTS
6. Brand Name and Pack Size
7. Plant Locations
8. Supplier Agreements
  - Permitted values:
    - YES
    - NO
    - N/A
- 8a. Supplier Agreement-Capability Requirements
  - Permitted values:
    - YES
    - NO
    - NOT APPLICABLE
9. Commodity Specifications
10. Person Submitting Offer
- 10a. Emergency Point of Contact
11. 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.

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11a. #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 FLOUR, BAKERY</b>					
<b>20 FLOUR BAKER HARD WHT UNBLCH-BULK</b>					
<b>30 FLORENCE KY</b>					
40	100418	FLOUR BAKER HARD WHT UNBLCH-BULK	04/01/2023-04/15/2023	41042	LB 720,000.000
50	100418	FLOUR BAKER HARD WHT UNBLCH-BULK	04/16/2023-04/30/2023	41042	LB 360,000.000
60	100418	FLOUR BAKER HARD WHT UNBLCH-BULK	05/01/2023-05/15/2023	41042	LB 495,000.000
70	100418	FLOUR BAKER HARD WHT UNBLCH-BULK	05/16/2023-05/31/2023	41042	LB 270,000.000
80	100418	FLOUR BAKER HARD WHT UNBLCH-BULK	06/01/2023-06/15/2023	41042	LB 180,000.000
90	100418	FLOUR BAKER HARD WHT UNBLCH-BULK	06/16/2023-06/30/2023	41042	LB 45,000.000
<b>100 FRANKLIN PA</b>					
110	100418	FLOUR BAKER HARD WHT UNBLCH-BULK	05/01/2023-05/15/2023	16323	LB 90,000.000
<b>120 WILKES-BARRE PA</b>					
130	100418	FLOUR BAKER HARD WHT UNBLCH-BULK	04/01/2023-04/15/2023	18706	LB 135,000.000
<b>Total Quantity for FLOUR BAKER HARD WHT UNBLCH-BULK</b>					LB 2,295,000.00 0
<b>140 FLOUR BREAD-BULK</b>					
<b>150 NORRISTOWN PA</b>					
160	100912	FLOUR BREAD-BULK	04/01/2023-04/15/2023	19401	LB 90,000.000
170	100912	FLOUR BREAD-BULK	05/01/2023-05/15/2023	19401	LB 90,000.000
<b>180 MURFREESBORO TN</b>					
190	100912	FLOUR BREAD-BULK	04/01/2023-04/15/2023	37127	LB 765,000.000

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
200	100912	FLOUR BREAD-BULK	04/16/2023-04/30/2023	37127		LB
					135,000.000	
210	100912	FLOUR BREAD-BULK	05/01/2023-05/15/2023	37127		LB
					90,000.000	
220	100912	FLOUR BREAD-BULK	05/16/2023-05/31/2023	37127		LB
					90,000.000	
230	100912	FLOUR BREAD-BULK	06/01/2023-06/15/2023	37127		LB
					135,000.000	
240	100912	FLOUR BREAD-BULK	06/16/2023-06/30/2023	37127		LB
					45,000.000	
<b>250 LOT: 423100912 MURFREESBORO TN</b>						
260	100912	FLOUR BREAD-BULK	04/01/2023-04/15/2023	37127		LB
					16,101.000	
270	100912	FLOUR BREAD-BULK	04/01/2023-04/15/2023	37127		LB
					28,899.000	
<b>280 LOT: 2390438170 MURFREESBORO TN</b>						
290	100912	FLOUR BREAD-BULK	04/01/2023-04/15/2023	37127		LB
					22,500.000	
300	100912	FLOUR BREAD-BULK	04/01/2023-04/15/2023	37127		LB
					22,500.000	
<b>Total Quantity for FLOUR BREAD-BULK</b>						LB
					1,530,000.00	
					0	
<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>						LB
					3,825,000.00	
					0	

**Amendment Details**

Amendment : 12-3J14-23-B-0237-0001

Date : 02/15/2023

Action	Item	Material	Description	Type
		Field	Old Value	New Value
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See comments in the amendment header text for specific details.



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