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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-23-B-0241-0001**
Bid invitation number: **2000009128**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 02/14/2023 14:45:00
Offer Due Date : 02/24/2023 13:00:00

Opening date: 02/24/2023 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Canned Vegetables (Tomato Products & Spinach), SOLICITATION NO: 2000009128

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Canned 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, March 6, 2023. Deliveries are to be made between April 16, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

The specialist for this solicitation is Carol Givens-Verser(carol.givens-verser@usda.gov). The contracting officer for this solicitation is Kelli Dawkins (kelli.dawkins@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.

There is a probationary period for new-to-AMS contractors and existing contractors bidding on new products in which awards may be 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 Quantity Tolerance section of the specification document, "Contractor will be allowed a tolerance on the final delivery of plus or minus 50 cases of each product, from each shipping point named in the purchase order", is not applicable to this solicitation. USDA will not pay for any cases exceeding the contracted quantity.

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.

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.

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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 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; Specification for Canned Vegetables dated April 2021; Commodity Specifications for Bulk Products for Further Processing dated June 2022; 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 Specifications Canned Veg April 2021
- 2 . AMS MSCP-D Dated 3-1-22
- 3 . WBSCM Offshore Bid Job Aid
- 4 . Commodity Specification for Bulk Products

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

- Permitted values:
- N/A
 - 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.

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, CANNED			

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
20 TOMATO PASTE CAN-6/10						
30 OFFSHORE: ARECIBO PR						
40	100327	TOMATO PASTE CAN-6/10	04/16/2023-04/30/2023	00616	912.000	CS
50 OFFSHORE: BAYAMON PR						
60	100327	TOMATO PASTE CAN-6/10	06/01/2023-06/15/2023	00956	912.000	CS
70 OFFSHORE: CAGUAS PR						
80	100327	TOMATO PASTE CAN-6/10	04/16/2023-04/30/2023	00725	912.000	CS
90 OFFSHORE: PONCE PR						
100	100327	TOMATO PASTE CAN-6/10	05/01/2023-05/15/2023	00731	912.000	CS
Total Quantity for TOMATO PASTE CAN-6/10					3,648.000	CS
110 TOMATO PASTE FOR BULK PROCESSING						
120 LIVONIA MI						
130	100332	TOMATO PASTE FOR BULK PROCESSING	04/16/2023-04/30/2023	48150	79,800.000	LB
140 ROMULUS MI						
150	100332	TOMATO PASTE FOR BULK PROCESSING	04/16/2023-04/30/2023	48174	39,900.000	LB
Total Quantity for TOMATO PASTE FOR BULK PROCESSING					119,700.000	LB
160 TOMATO SALSA CAN-6/10						
170 POMONA CA						
180	100330	TOMATO SALSA CAN-6/10	06/16/2023-06/30/2023	91767	912.000	CS
Total Quantity for TOMATO SALSA CAN-6/10					912.000	CS
190 TOMATO SAUCE CAN-24/300						
200 OFFSHORE: CAGUAS PR						
210	100333	TOMATO SAUCE CAN-24/300	05/16/2023-05/31/2023	00725	1,530.000	CS
Total Quantity for TOMATO SAUCE CAN-24/300					1,530.000	CS
220 SPINACH CAN-24/300						

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230 OFFSHORE: CAGUAS PR						
240	100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	06/01/2023-06/15/2023	00725		CS
					1,615.000	
		Total Quantity for SPINACH CAN-24/300				CS
					1,615.000	
		Total Quantity for Invitation				CS
					127,405.000	

Amendment Details

Amendment : 12-3J14-23-B-0241-0001

Date : 02/14/2023

Action	Item	Material	Description		Type
		Field	Old Value	New Value	UOM

See comments in the amendment header text for specific details.



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