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Information

Description: 12-3J14-23-B-0309
Bid invitation number: 2000009219
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

**SOLICITATION
Domestic Commodity Invitation**

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 04/10/2023 11:30:00
Offer Due Date : 04/24/2023 13:00:00

Opening date: 04/24/2023 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Fresh Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO: 2000009219

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, May 8, 2023. Deliveries are to be made between August 1, 2023 through December 15, 2023.

The Contract Specialist handling this purchase will be Claudius Price,(Claudius.I.Price@usda.gov). The Contract Officer handling this purchase will be David C. Jackson (DavidC.Jackson@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.

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.

***** Please note the MSCP has been updated as of 4/5/23. Please review the attached MSCP dated 4-5-23 for changes.*****###

***** 100% Small Business Set-Aside*****

- SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG 12/3 LB
- POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB
- POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB

Pack Year: USDA will accept product produced in calendar years 2022 and 2023 for deliveries made under resulting contracts.

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.

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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 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 April 5, 2023; The Commodity Specification for Fresh

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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 . GAP and GHP Audit Verification Document
- 2 . Commodity Specification for Fresh Vegetables
- 3 . AMS MSCP-D Dated 4-5-23

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

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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.

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	
500		VEGETABLE, FRESH				
510		POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB				
520		INDUSTRY CA				
530	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/30/2023-11/01/2023	90601	800.000	CS
540		GENEVA IL				
550	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/04/2023-09/06/2023	60134	800.000	CS
560	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/06/2023-11/08/2023	60134	800.000	CS
570		LAS VEGAS NV				
580	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/23/2023-10/25/2023	89030	800.000	CS
590		AKRON OH				
600	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/07/2023-08/09/2023	44307	800.000	CS
610	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/11/2023-09/13/2023	44307	800.000	CS
620	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/09/2023-10/11/2023	44307	800.000	CS

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
630 GREENVILLE SC						
640	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/14/2023-08/16/2023	29611	800.000	CS
650	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/16/2023-10/18/2023	29611	800.000	CS
660 LOT: 361269064 EVANSVILLE IN / LEXING...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 361269064 EVANSVILLE IN / LEXINGTON KY / PADUCAH KY /						
670	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/14/2023-08/16/2023	47711	200.000	CS
680	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/14/2023-08/16/2023	40511	400.000	CS
690	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/14/2023-08/16/2023	42001	200.000	CS
700 LOT: 402058764 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORL...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 402058764 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /						
710	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/07/2023-08/09/2023	70505	400.000	CS
720	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/07/2023-08/09/2023	70123	400.000	CS
730 LOT: 871175763 ELIZABETHTOWN KY / IND...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 871175763 ELIZABETHTOWN KY / INDEPENDENCE KY / LOUISVILLE KY /						
740	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/14/2023-08/16/2023	42701	275.000	CS
750	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/14/2023-08/16/2023	41051	250.000	CS
760	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/14/2023-08/16/2023	40228	275.000	CS
Total Quantity for POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB					9,600.000	CS
770 POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB						
780 YUMA AZ						
790	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/09/2023-10/11/2023	85365	800.000	CS
800	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/06/2023-11/08/2023	85365	800.000	CS

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810 EXETER CA						
820	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/30/2023-11/01/2023	93221	800.000	CS
830 IMPERIAL CA						
840	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/06/2023-11/08/2023	92251	800.000	CS
850 INDIO CA						
860	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/06/2023-11/08/2023	92201	800.000	CS
870 INDUSTRY CA						
880	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/30/2023-11/01/2023	90601	800.000	CS
890 MERCED CA						
900	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/25/2023-09/27/2023	95348	800.000	CS
910 SACRAMENTO CA						
920	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/06/2023-11/08/2023	95838	800.000	CS
930 SAN DIEGO CA						
940	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/28/2023-08/30/2023	92121	800.000	CS
950 FORT PIERCE FL						
960	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/14/2023-08/16/2023	34947	800.000	CS
970 ALEXANDRIA LA						
980	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/07/2023-08/09/2023	71301	800.000	CS
990 NEW ORLEANS LA						
1000	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/16/2023-10/18/2023	70123	800.000	CS
1010 CLEVELAND OH						
1020	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/21/2023-08/23/2023	44110	800.000	CS
1030 GREENVILLE SC						
1040	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/11/2023-09/13/2023	29611	800.000	CS
1050	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/13/2023-11/15/2023	29611	800.000	CS

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1060 HOUSTON TX						
1070	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/07/2023-08/09/2023	77029	800.000	CS
1080	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/21/2023-08/23/2023	77029	800.000	CS
1090	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/04/2023-09/06/2023	77029	800.000	CS
1100	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/18/2023-09/20/2023	77029	800.000	CS
1110 VICTORIA TX						
1120	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/30/2023-11/01/2023	77901	800.000	CS
1130 LORTON VA						
1140	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/04/2023-09/06/2023	22079	800.000	CS
1150 LOT: 114831840 BOSTON MA / SHREWSBURY...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 114831840 BOSTON MA / SHREWSBURY MA /						
1160	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/13/2023-11/15/2023	02118	600.000	CS
1170	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/13/2023-11/15/2023	01545	200.000	CS
1180 LOT: 253682488 BOSTON MA / HATFIELD MA /						
1190	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/11/2023-09/13/2023	02118	600.000	CS
1200	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/11/2023-09/13/2023	01038	200.000	CS
1210 LOT: 533141379 BOSTON MA / HATFIELD MA /						
1220	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/30/2023-11/01/2023	02118	600.000	CS
1230	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/30/2023-11/01/2023	01038	200.000	CS
1240 LOT: 582055894 BOSTON MA / SHREWSBURY...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 582055894 BOSTON MA / SHREWSBURY MA /						
1250	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/09/2023-10/11/2023	02118	600.000	CS
1260	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/09/2023-10/11/2023	01545	200.000	CS
1270 LOT: 583401433 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORL...						

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Tendering text - Item : LOT: 583401433 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /						
1280	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/04/2023-12/06/2023	70505	400.000	CS
1290	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/04/2023-12/06/2023	70123	400.000	CS
1300 LOT: 939635948 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORL..						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 939635948 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /						
1310	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/07/2023-08/09/2023	70505	400.000	CS
1320	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/07/2023-08/09/2023	70123	400.000	CS
Total Quantity for POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB					21,600.000	CS
1330 SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB						
1340 INDUSTRY CA						
1350	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/30/2023-11/01/2023	90601	1,000.000	CS
1360 SAN DIEGO CA						
1370	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/02/2023-10/04/2023	92121	1,000.000	CS
1380	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	10/30/2023-11/01/2023	92121	1,000.000	CS
1390 GENEVA IL						
1400	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	12/04/2023-12/06/2023	60134	1,000.000	CS
Total Quantity for SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB					4,000.000	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					35,200.000	CS



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