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## Information

Description: 12-3J14-18-B-0475-0001

Bid invitation number: 200005618
Purchasing Group: AMS-Livestock

### **SOLICITATION**

**Domestic Commodity Invitation** 

#### **Bid invitation Overview**

Bid Timezone: Central Time

Start Date: 09/07/2018 09:30:00 Offer Due Date : 09/24/2018 13:00:00

Opening date: 09/24/2018 13:00:00

Invitation Type: Definite Delivery

### Additional requested information:

## Tendering text - Header:

FROZEN BEEF PRODUCTS (Type 1), SOLICITATION NO: 2000005618

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen beef products 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 no later than midnight, Thursday, September 27, 2018. Deliveries are to be from November 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018.

This Solicitation identifies line items that are Coarse Ground Beef for Further Processing into Fully Cooked Items - Type 1, which will determine the level of microbial testing required. Please review Sections 320.8.1 and 321.6 for Type 1 of Supplement 211, dated August 2017 for more information.

This Solicitation is a fifty (50%) Small Business Set-Aside - See FAR 52.219-6 Notice of Small Business Set-Aside. NAICS Code 311611- Business size 1,000 employees or less apply to this requirement.

This Solicitation is a ten percent (10%) Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Set-Aside.

The 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.

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.

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.

In order to submit offers on this Solicitation, Offerors must be deemed eligible by the Contracting Officer. Product purchased under this Solicitation will be produced according to the applicable Federal Purchase Program Specification and eligible supplier's approved technical proposal.

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Offerors must reference their AMS designated laboratory in their technical proposal.

NOTE: All fees associated with microbial testing for boneless beef and ground beef items and fat analysis for ground beef products will be paid by AMS. 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 non-responsive. Offerors must be active in WBSCM and have the required bidder roles in order to submit offers under this solicitation. Once connected, follow the on-line procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions or call (202)720-4517 for assistance.

Due to the recent changes in SAM.gov policy regarding the appointment of an authorized Entity Administrator, USDA/AMS may allow bidders to be considered for award pending SAM.gov processing of the notarized letter. This exception is considered for new/expired SAM registrations impacted by notarized letter processing delays only. In order to be considered for an exception, the vendor must have submitted the required notarized letter to SAM.gov (per the directions provided in the link below) and must submit a copy of the notarized letter to the cognizant contracting officer via email at or before the bid due date. If an offeror's SAM.gov registration is not expired, this section is not applicable.

https://www.fsd.gov/fsd-gov/answer.do?sysparm\_kbid= d2e67885db0d5f00b3257d321f96194b&sysparm\_search= kb0013183

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the

AMS Master Solicitation, dated April 2017; Supplement 211 to the AMS Master Solicitation, dated August 2017; or this Solicitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA, AMS, Room 3524-South:

1400 Independence Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20250. Telephone (202)720-4517. FAX: (202)720-2782.

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#### See attached documents:

- 1. AMS MASTER SOLICITATION APRIL 2017
- 2 . Supplement 211 AUGUST 2017

#### 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.

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Permitted values:

- Yes

- No

- N/A

FOR 8(A) VENDORS ONLY: Please specify the material(s) and material number(s) that you are interested in participating on this solicitation.

Bid invitation Item details										
lten	n Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	_				
10 BEEF, GROUND										
20 BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB										
30 LOS ANGELES CA										
40	100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/01/2018-11/15/2018	90011	210,000.000	LB				
50	100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/16/2018-11/30/2018	90011	210,000.000	LB				
60 VERNON CA										
70	100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/16/2018-11/30/2018	90058	294,000.000	LB				
80 VINELAND NJ										
90	100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/16/2018-11/30/2018	08360	42,000.000	LB				
100 FAIRFIELD OH										
110	100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/01/2018-11/15/2018	45014	1,554,000.00 0	LB				
120	100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/16/2018-11/30/2018	45014	1,134,000.00 0	LB				
130 H	ARRISON	ОН								
140	100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/01/2018-11/15/2018	45030	1,218,000.00 0	LB				
150	100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/16/2018-11/30/2018	45030	1,176,000.00 0	LB				
160 AMARILLO TX										
170	100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/01/2018-11/15/2018	79118	1,134,000.00 0	LB				

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<u>Item Material</u>	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	_				
180 100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/16/2018-11/30/2018	79118	1,008,000.00 0	LB				
190 FT WORTH									
200 100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/01/2018-11/15/2018	76102	84,000.000	LB				
210 100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/16/2018-11/30/2018	76102	84,000.000	LB				
220 LOT: 3294									
230 100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/01/2018-11/15/2018	79118	16,143.000	LB				
240 100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/01/2018-11/15/2018	79118	25,857.000	LB				
250 LOT: 5695									
260 100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/01/2018-11/15/2018	76102	32,348.000	LB				
270 100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/01/2018-11/15/2018	76102	9,652.000	)LB				
280 LOT: 995002372 FT WORTH TX									
290 100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/16/2018-11/30/2018	76102	5,000.000	LB				
300 100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	11/16/2018-11/30/2018	76102	37,000.000	LB				
	8,274,000.00 0	LB							
	Total Quantity for Invitation			8,274,000.00 0	LB				
Amendment Details									

Action Item Material Description Type
Field Old Value New Value UOM

See comments in the amendment header text for specific details.

**Contracting Officer** 

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