**TENDERING TEXT**

**IMPORTANT SOLICITATION DETAILS**

- New - Commodity Requirements Document (CRD) DMOZ6. Commodity Specifications and Packaging Requirements are now found in the attached CRD.

- Change to Commodity Requirements Document:

  **Part 1 COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS**
  **Section 1.1 MOZZARELLA CHEESE REQUIREMENTS**
  **B. Production Requirements**
  (2) Mixing and molding of cheese shall take place no more than 14 days after curd manufacturing.

- 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](https://www.fsd.gov/fsd-gov/answer.do?sysparm_kbid=d2e67885db0d5f00b3257d321f96194b&sysparm_search=kb0013183)

  Note that all other terms associated with requirements of Sam.gov registration, including those that impact payment, remain in full force and affect. (see MSCP dated April 12 2017, clause 52.212-1(k))

  

  **(k) System for Award Management. Unless exempted by an addendum to this solicitation, by submission of an offer, the offeror acknowledges the requirement that a prospective awardee shall be registered in the SAM database prior to award, during performance and through final payment of any contract resulting from this solicitation.**

- Master Solicitation. Contract clauses and solicitation provisions are now found in the attached Master Solicitation.

**Solicitation For Commercial Items**

1. Solicitation Number: **12-3J14-19-B-0015**
2. Solicitation Issue Date: October 11, 2018
3. Issued and Administered By:
   USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service
   Commodity Procurement Staff
   Kansas City Contracting Branch
   Beacon Facility- Mail Stop 8718
   P.O. Box 419205
   Kansas City, MO 64141-6205
4. Method of Solicitation: Sealed Bidding/Invitation for Bid
5. Last Date/Local Time for Receipt of Written Questions: N/A
6. Offer due Date/Local Time: October 23, 2018 9:00 A.M. CT

7. Award Notification Date: By October 25, 2018 4:00 P.M. CT

8. Public Release of Award Date: By October 26, 2018 1:00 P.M. CT

9. Solicitation Information Contact:
   Name: Mary Mahoney
   Telephone Number: 816-926-2501
   E-mail: mary.mahoney@ams.usda.gov

10. This Acquisition is:
    / X / Unrestricted
    / / Set-Aside for:

    Small Business (0 lbs. or 0 percent) Any small business concern proposing to furnish a product that it did not itself manufacture must furnish the product of a small business manufacturer.

    NOTICE OF PARTIAL SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE
    If specified in the solicitation, certain quantities are set aside exclusively for small business firms under the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631, et seq.). Bids received for these 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 concern(s) for the set-aside quantities, the Government may award the quantities to other than small business concerns. The contracting reserves the right to utilize Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 19.507 Automatic dissolution of a small business set-aside.

    Offers received for these set-aside quantities from firms who are not eligible business concerns will not be considered. See 452.219-70.

11. Internet Address: http://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food/solicitations


13. Payment will be made by and submit invoices to:
    Contractor shall submit invoices and attachments in the Web-Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) system.

14. Contract Type:
    / X/ Firm Fixed Price

15. Schedule of Supplies: See WBSCM bid invitation

16. Accounting and Appropriation Data: TAS::unknown
    The commodities procured under this solicitation are currently for the following programs(s):
    Section of Public Law Program Name
    /X / 32/6E The National School Lunch Program
    / X / 32/6E Child and Adult Care Feeding Programs
    / / 32/6E Summer Food Service Program
    / / 311 Nutrition Services Incentive Program
    / / 4A Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
    / / 17 Commodity Supplemental Food Program
    / / 104 The Emergency Food Assistance Program

17. USDA Contracting Officer
    a. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA /S/ Jeffrey F. Jackson