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Washington, DC 20036

#### Information

Description: **12-3J14-20-B-0135**  
Bid invitation number: **2000006620**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

### **SOLICITATION** **Master/Shortfall Invitation**

#### **Bid invitation Overview**

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 11/27/2019 21:40:00  
Offer Due Date : 12/06/2019 13:00:00

Opening date: 12/06/2019 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Shortfall  
Reference Invitation : 2000006136

#### **Additional requested information:**

##### **Tendering text - Header :**

The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) requests offers to sell Canned and Frozen Vegetable Products pursuant to the attached Invitation for Bids (IFB) solicitation document for use in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs.

Awards will be announced by Midnight, Monday, December 16, 2019. Deliveries are to be made between February 1, 2020, and June 30, 2020.

All offerors should reference the Vegetable Invitation For Bids (IFB) IDIQ 2000006620 document attached to the solicitation for more information.

##### **SET ASIDES:**

100307 - BEANS GREEN CAN 6/10 # SB 25%  
100331 - POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN 24/300 # SB 50%

Checkloading: The requirements for checkloading by USDA inspectors outlined in the Commodity Specifications for canned fruit are NOT applicable to contracts awarded under this solicitation, for the following products ONLY:

100350 PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB

Pack Year: USDA will accept product produced in calendar year 2019 and calendar year 2020 for deliveries made under resulting contracts.

Canned products will be accepted for up to 18 months from date of inspection.

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 proposals. 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.

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

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solicitation. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions or call (202) 720-4517 for assistance.

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**See attached documents:**

- 1 . Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements\_Oct 2019
- 2 . Commodity Specification for Frozen Vegetables
- 3 . Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetables
- 4 . Vegetable Invitation For Bids (IFB) IDIQ 2000006620
- 5 . Exhibit 2
- 6 . PART B

**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:
- There are no existing contracts/purchase orders
  - Have not been delivered, but the Offeror has notified the Contracting Officer
  - Have not been delivered
  - Have been delivered

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

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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.

- Permitted values:
- N/A (Comment: N/A)
  - NO (Comment: No)
  - YES (Comment: Yes)

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).

**Bid invitation Item details**

	Item	Material Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
<b>10</b>	<b>VEGETABLE, CANNED</b>				
	20	100314 PEAS CAN-24/300	06/16/2020-06/30/2020		CS
				306,180.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-24/300</b>			CS
				306,180.000	
	30	100320 VEG MIX CAN-24/300	05/01/2020-05/15/2020		CS
				325,620.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for VEG MIX CAN-24/300</b>			CS
				325,620.000	
	40	100311 CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300	03/01/2020-03/15/2020		CS
				429,930.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300</b>			CS
				429,930.000	
	50	100328 TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300	03/16/2020-03/31/2020		CS
				255,960.000	
		<b>Total Quantity for TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300</b>			CS

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					255,960.000
60	100331	POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300	04/16/2020-04/30/2020		CS
		<b>Total Quantity for POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300</b>			253,980.000 CS
					253,980.000
70	100310	CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300	03/01/2020-03/15/2020		CS
		<b>Total Quantity for CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300</b>			56,700.000 CS
					56,700.000
80	100306	BEANS GREEN CAN-24/300	02/01/2020-02/15/2020		CS
		<b>Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN CAN-24/300</b>			523,260.000 CS
					523,260.000
90	100315	PEAS CAN-6/10	02/16/2020-02/29/2020		CS
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-6/10</b>			6,384.000 CS
					6,384.000
<b>100</b>		<b>VEGETABLE, FROZEN</b>			
110	110871	MIXED VEGETABLES FRZ CTN-30 LB	03/01/2020-03/15/2020		CS
		<b>Total Quantity for MIXED VEGETABLES FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>			19,800.000 CS
					19,800.000
120	100351	BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	02/01/2020-02/15/2020		CS
		<b>Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>			38,280.000 CS
					38,280.000
130	110763	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/01/2020-04/15/2020		CS
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB</b>			30,360.000 CS
					30,360.000
140	100350	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	02/01/2020-02/15/2020		CS
		<b>Total Quantity for PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB</b>			13,200.000 CS
					13,200.000
		<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>			2,259,654.000 CS
					0



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