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Bid invitation Overview
Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 09/02/2021 15:30:00
Offer Due Date: 09/09/2021 13:00:00
Opening date: 09/09/2021 13:00:00
Invitation Type: Shortfall
Reference Invitation: 2000007950

Additional requested information:

Amendment Text:
Amendment 1: This amendment is issued to include the following Required Solicitation Question for vendor response:

The offeror has reviewed the List of Required Products for GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN) Reporting located at the following URL: https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/GS1_GDSN_ListofRequiredProducts.xlsx. If the awarded contract includes item(s) from the List of Required Products for GS1 GDSN Reporting, offeror certifies that complete and accurate product information will be submitted to GS1 GDSN no later than December 31, 2021. 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.

- Yes
- No

Tendering text - Header:
The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) requests offers to sell Canned 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, Thursday, September 16, 2021. Deliveries are to be made between July 1, 2022, and September 30, 2022.

All offerors should reference the Vegetable Invitation For Bids (IFB) IDIQ 2000008060 document attached to the solicitation for more information.

Checkloading: As a result of the Checkloading Phase Out Program, the requirements for check loading Canned and Frozen Vegetables by USDA inspectors outlined in the Commodity Specifications are No Longer applicable. Note: Checkloading may still be performed on all, or part of the deliveries at the request and expense of the contractor; however, it is not required for Canned and Frozen Vegetables awarded under this solicitation. Also, SCI will conduct periodic verifications of the vendors commercial practices to ensure they meet the contractual requirements.

Pack Year: USDA will accept product produced in calendar year 2021 or calendar year 2022 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.
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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.

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.

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

The USDA prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on
the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and
where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or
part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic
information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not
all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.) To file a complaint of
discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication,
1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free
Customer Service), (800)877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).

See attached documents:

1. Commodity Specification_Canned Vegetables_April 2021
2. MSCP-D_Severmber 2021
3. Part B Schedule: July-Sept 2022
4. Vegetable Invitation for Bids IDIQ 2000008060
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5 . Exhibit 2: Estimates Based On Current Orders
7 . Amendment 1_Required Question

Attributes:

#Offeror represents that IAW FAR 52.204-25, it will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract or other contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation.
Offeror represents that IAW 52.204-25, it does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services.
Furnish name, title, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address of person submitting this bid
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 certifies that the offer is made subject to the USDA Specification; this solicitation; the Agriculture Acquisition Regulations (AGAR); and the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR).
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
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

Bid invitation Item details

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