SOLICITATION
Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview
Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 10/18/2021 10:00:00
Offer Due Date: 10/27/2021 13:00:00
Opening date: 10/27/2021 13:00:00
Invitation Type: Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header:
CRACKERS, SOLICITATION NO: 2000008123

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Crackers 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 5pm CT on October 29, 2021. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022.

This Acquisition is Unrestricted.

Any small business concern proposing to furnish a product that it did not itself manufacture must furnish the product of a small business and, by the offer due date/local time, submit the corresponding supplier agreement to, Attention: Contracting Officer. The supplier agreement shall: be in effect between the offeror and the product manufacturer for the period of contract performance, certify compliance with the applicable solicitation requirements, contain the DUNS number for the product manufacturer, be on the product manufacturer's company letterhead, and be signed by both parties.

A prospective contractor will be required to provide written evidence of a proposed subcontractor's responsibility including Plant Sanitation and Food Defense surveys. The Contracting Officer will directly determine a prospective subcontractor's responsibility, per FAR 9.104-4.

The Government will award contracts to eligible HUBZone bidders as provided in the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements, Part II, Section C: 4A52.219-2 The HUBZone Program. If the bidder elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its bid.

The CID references two different manufacturing processes for a similar type of cracker (soda vs saltine), USDA Commodity Procurement has the option to allow both with purchasing this product.

For a new-to-USDA contractor and existing contractors who are bidding on new products, a probationary period may be implemented in which awards are limited to 10 truckloads per product. Contractor must demonstrate successful delivery of at least five (5) truckloads of 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. Any delivery problems directly attributable to the Government will not be held against the contractor.

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.

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 877-927-2648 for assistance.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only on quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation, the Commodity Requirements, or this Solicitation should be directed to the Contract Specialist: Raquel Clinton, Raquel.Clinton@usda.gov or the Contracting Officer: Jenny Babiuch, Jenny.Babiuch@usda.gov.

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Certification Questions:
All Bid Certification Questions must be answered. Please utilize the attached Bid Certification Questions document when answering questions.

See attached documents:

1. Commodity Requirements Crackers March 2020
2. Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurement Sep 2021
3. Bid Certification Questions

Attributes:

1. DUNS and Business Size Standard
2. SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM).
2a. System for Award Management (SAM)-changes to this solicitation
3. Amendment to Solicitation
4. All USDA contracts with the offeror that have a Not-Later-Than date prior to the solicitation opening:
   Permitted values: - NO PREVIOUS CONTRACTS
   - HAVE NOT BEEN DELIVERED
   - HAVE BEEN DELIVERED
5. Brand name and pack size
6. Plant locations for all items has been verified pursuant to the Place of Performance-Sealed Bidding?
7. Supplier Agreements:
   Permitted values: - N/A
   - NO
   - YES
7a. Supplier Agreement-Capability Requirements
8. Commodity Specifications
9. Offeror Contact Information
9a. Emergency Point of Contact
10. GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN)
11. Food Safety Moderization Act

Bid invitation Item details
**SOLICITATION Information**

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**Description:** 12-3J14-22-B-0011  
**Bid invitation number:** 2000008123

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**Total Quantity for CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ**  
22,680.000

**Total Quantity for Invitation**  
136,080.000

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Contracting Officer  
Commodity Procurement Division  
United States Department of Agriculture