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Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview
Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 03/10/2022 07:00:00
Offer Due Date: 03/18/2022 13:00:00
Opening date: 03/18/2022 13:00:00
Invitation Type: Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

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CHICKEN FAJITA STRIPS, SOLICITATION NO: 2000008418

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell chicken fajita strips pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the National School Lunch Program and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs. Purchases will be made under the authority of Section 5 of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, March 30, 2022. Deliveries are to be made between June 1, 2022 and June 30, 2022.

The Federal Purchase Program Specification (FPPS) for Chicken Fajita Strips, Fully Cooked, Frozen dated April 2016 will be utilized for this solicitation.

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This Solicitation includes the following changes to the FPPS for Chicken Fajita Strips, Fully Cooked, Frozen dated April 2016:

840 Inspection and Checkloading

841 Requirements # For inspection and checkloading at time of shipping, the Contractor shall utilize either USDA Grader or Contractor Checkloading to certify. The Contractor shall notify USDA AMS QAD staff prior to production.
The requirements for selection are as follows:

842 USDA Grader Checkloading Requirements # Inspection for contract compliance shall be made by a USDA representative, in accordance with 7 CFR § 70, FSIS regulations, and this FPPS, at site of processing, both during and after processing and packaging. Inspection records shall be complete and made available to USDA, as requested, to assure contract compliance.

842.1 Procedures # The inspection and checkloading shall be performed by the AMS Grader.
Procedures to be followed and a schedule of fees for these services may be obtained by contacting the nearest QAD field office or
the Director of QAD, LP Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, Room 3953-S, STOP 0258, Washington, DC 20250-0258, telephone (202) 690-3147.

842.2 The quality, quantity, weight, packaging, packing, and checkloading of the commodity shall be evidenced by certificates issued by the AMS Grader. The contractor shall not ship the commodity unless informed by the AMS Grader that the designated commodity to be shipped meets the requirements of the AMS MSCP-D, Solicitation, and this FPPS.

843 Contractor Checkloading Requirements # Inspection for final contract compliance shall be made by the Contractor, in accordance with 7 CFR § 70, FSIS regulations, and this FPPS. The quality, quantity, weight, packaging and packing of the commodity shall be evidenced by a Certificate of Conformance that verifies the designated commodity to be shipped meets all the requirements as stated in this FPPS, MSCP-D and Solicitation.

843.1 Procedures # The contractor shall perform checkloading examinations at the time of shipment # as described in this FPPS starting at the section labeled Loading and Shipping Frozen Commodity and sections thereafter # and shall issue a corresponding Certificate of Conformance. The Contractor is required to provide an acceptance document to accompany each shipment. Additional details are found in the AMS MSCP-D, Section 4A52.247-3 for Bill of Lading Notations.

843.2 Contractors inspection records and checkloading documentation shall be complete and maintained, including the Certificate of Conformance, and made available to USDA, as requested, to assure Contractor Checkloading compliance. Contractor checkloading activity is subject to review by USDA at the cost of the contractor.

1011.1 Each shipping container shall be identified with a USDA Contract Compliance stamp with the applicable production date. An AMS Grader, or other authorized personnel under the supervision of the AMS Grader, shall stamp one end of each shipping container online. If there is inadequate space available on either end of the shipping container, the stamp may be applied to a side of the container.

1011.2 A copy of the Contractor#s Certificate of Conformance and Bill of Lading or the original USDA Poultry
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Products Grading Certificate issued at time of checkloading shall accompany each shipment.

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.

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.

This solicitation is 100% Total Small Business Set Aside. See FAR 52.219-6 Notice of Total Small Business Set Aside. NAICS Code 311615 with size standard of 1,250 employees and below applies to this solicitation.

This solicitation also has a 10% Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set Aside.

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.

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.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated March 2022; the Federal Purchase Program Specification (FPPS) for Chicken Fajita Strips dated April 2016; or this Solicitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA, AMS, Room 3522-South; 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.; Washington, D.C. 20250-0239. Telephone: (202) 720-4517. FAX: (202)720-2782.

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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. FPPS Cooked Chicken Fajita Strips April 2016
2. GS1 Certification Question
3. AMS Master Solicitation - March 2022

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

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.

Permitted values: - N/A
- No
- Yes

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

GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN)

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**Total Quantity for CHICKEN FAJITA STRIPS CTN-30 LB**: 429,000.000

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**Contracting officer**
Commodity Procurement Division
United States Department of Agriculture