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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: 12-3J14-24-B-0013
Bid invitation number: 2000009635
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

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Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 10/16/2023 08:10:00
Offer Due Date : 10/30/2023 13:00:00

Opening date: 10/30/2023 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Dried Fruit Products, SOLICITATION NO: 2000009635

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Dried Fruit 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 midnight, November 15, 2023. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024.

The specialist for this solicitation is Shelia Tucker, Shelia.Tucker@usda.gov. The contracting officer for this solicitation is David Jackson, David.Jackson@usda.gov. Please contact the specialist first, with questions regarding the requirements of this solicitation. Do not discuss your bid prices with the specialist or contracting officer before award.

Set asides include:

100293,,RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ,,	50% Small Business Set-aside
111643,,CHERRIES DRIED TART PKG-250/1.36 OZ	100% Small Business Set-aside
110723,,CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ ,,	100% Small Business Set-aside

Crop Year:

2023 will be the acceptable crop year for CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ.

2024 will be the acceptable crop year for CHERRIES DRIED TART PKG-250/1.36 OZ and RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ.

** 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.**

Per FDA regulations, the following minimum mandatory labeling requirements for all foods, whether sold or donated, must appear on the label: Name of the food, Manufacturer's name and location, Net weight of the product, Ingredients list, and Allergen declaration. These requirements are codified in 21 CFR 101.2, 101.3, 101.4 and 101.5. See the following link for a guidance manual:
<http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/LabelingNutrition/ucm064894.htm>

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

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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.

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 April 2023; the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated January 2021; 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.

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 . CommoditySpecificationforDriedFruitJanuary2021

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2 . AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurement April 2023

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

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:
- Yes
 - No

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- N/A

Bid invitation Item details

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10 FRUIT, DRIED						
20 CHERRIES DRIED TART PKG-250/1.36 OZ						
30 DIXON CA						
40	111643	CHERRIES DRIED TART PKG-250/1.36 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	95620	1,584.000	CS
50 NEWARK NJ						
60	111643	CHERRIES DRIED TART PKG-250/1.36 OZ	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	07114	1,584.000	CS
70 VINELAND NJ						
80	111643	CHERRIES DRIED TART PKG-250/1.36 OZ	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	08360	1,584.000	CS
90 LAS VEGAS NV						
100	111643	CHERRIES DRIED TART PKG-250/1.36 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	89115	1,584.000	CS
110	111643	CHERRIES DRIED TART PKG-250/1.36 OZ	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	89115	1,584.000	CS
120 LOT: 12564 SOUTH WINDSOR CT / TAUNTON...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 12564 SOUTH WINDSOR CT / TAUNTON MA /						
130	111643	CHERRIES DRIED TART PKG-250/1.36 OZ	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	06074	456.000	CS
140	111643	CHERRIES DRIED TART PKG-250/1.36 OZ	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	02780	1,128.000	CS
Total Quantity for CHERRIES DRIED TART PKG-250/1.36 OZ					9,504.000	CS
150 CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ						
160 DIXON CA						
170	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	95620	1,500.000	CS
180 ONTARIO CA						
190	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	91761	1,500.000	CS
200	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	91761	1,500.000	CS
210	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	91761	1,500.000	CS

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220 DELAWARE CITY DE						
230	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	19706	1,500.000	CS
240 CHICAGO IL						
250	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	60609	1,500.000	CS
260	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	60609	1,500.000	CS
270 GRANITE CITY IL						
280	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	62040	1,500.000	CS
290 TAUNTON MA						
300	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	02780	1,500.000	CS
310	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	02/16/2024-02/29/2024	02780	1,500.000	CS
320 WRIGHT CITY MO						
330	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	63390	1,500.000	CS
340 LAS VEGAS NV						
350	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	89115	1,500.000	CS
360	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	89115	1,500.000	CS
370 SPRINGFIELD OH						
380	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	45502	1,500.000	CS
390 IMPERIAL PA						
400	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	15126	1,500.000	CS
410 PHILADELPHIA PA						
420	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	19129	1,500.000	CS
430 HOUSTON TX						
440	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	77095	1,500.000	CS
450	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	77095	1,500.000	CS

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460		BALDWIN WI				
470	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	54002	1,500.000	CS
480		LOT: 11731 AUBURNDALE FL / BOCA RATON...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 11731 AUBURNDALE FL / BOCA RATON FL /				
490	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	33823	586.000	CS
500	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	33487	914.000	CS
510		LOT: 11733 AUBURNDALE FL / BOCA RATON...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 11733 AUBURNDALE FL / BOCA RATON FL /				
520	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	03/16/2024-03/31/2024	33823	375.000	CS
530	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	03/16/2024-03/31/2024	33823	375.000	CS
540	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	03/16/2024-03/31/2024	33487	750.000	CS
550		LOT: 12400 SOUTH WINDSOR CT / TAUNTON...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 12400 SOUTH WINDSOR CT / TAUNTON MA /				
560	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	02/16/2024-02/29/2024	06074	600.000	CS
570	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	02/16/2024-02/29/2024	02780	900.000	CS
580		LOT: 107863787 AUSTIN TX / DENTON TX ...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 107863787 AUSTIN TX / DENTON TX / HOUSTON TX /				
590	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	78744	375.000	CS
600	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	76207	635.000	CS
610	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	77095	490.000	CS
620		LOT: 469101984 BRIGHTON MI / SPRINGFI...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 469101984 BRIGHTON MI / SPRINGFIELD OH / IMPERIAL PA /				
630	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	48116	750.000	CS
640	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	45502		CS

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					375.000	
650	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	15126		CS
					375.000	
660 LOT: 497908220 NEWARK NJ / VINELAND NJ /						
670	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	07114		CS
					750.000	
680	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	08360		CS
					750.000	
690 LOT: 2400001739 EL PASO TX / SAN ANTO...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 2400001739 EL PASO TX / SAN ANTONIO TX /						
700	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	79927		CS
					1,125.000	
710	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	78227		CS
					375.000	
720 LOT: 2400001741 AUSTIN TX / DENTON TX /						
730	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	02/16/2024-02/29/2024	78744		CS
					375.000	
740	110723	CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ	02/16/2024-02/29/2024	76207		CS
					1,125.000	
Total Quantity for CRANBERRIES DRIED PKG-300/1.16 OZ						CS
					40,500.000	
750 RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ						
760 DIXON CA						
770	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	95620		CS
					2,964.000	
780 ONTARIO CA						
790	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	91761		CS
					2,964.000	
800	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	03/01/2024-03/15/2024	91761		CS
					2,964.000	
810 POMONA CA						
820	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	91767		CS
					2,964.000	
830	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	03/16/2024-03/31/2024	91767		CS
					2,964.000	
840 GRANITE CITY IL						
850	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	62040		CS

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					2,964.000	
860		BRIGHTON MI				
870	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	48116		CS
					2,964.000	
880		WYOMING MI				
890	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	49548		CS
					2,964.000	
900		CREEDMOOR NC				
910	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	27522		CS
					2,964.000	
920		SPRINGFIELD OH				
930	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	45502		CS
					2,964.000	
940		HOUSTON TX				
950	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	77095		CS
					2,964.000	
960	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	02/01/2024-02/15/2024	77095		CS
					2,964.000	
970		LOT: 904684581 SOUTH WINDSOR CT / TAU...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 904684581 SOUTH WINDSOR CT / TAUNTON MA /				
980	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	06074		CS
					791.000	
990	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	06074		CS
					1,432.000	
1000	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	01/16/2024-01/31/2024	02780		CS
					741.000	
1010		LOT: 923971577 SAN ANTONIO TX				
1020	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	78249		CS
					1,482.000	
1030	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	78250		CS
					1,482.000	
1040		LOT: 964150985 NEWARK NJ / VINELAND NJ /				
1050	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	07114		CS
					2,075.000	
1060	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	08360		CS
					889.000	
		Total Quantity for RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ				CS

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			44,460.000	
				CS
			94,464.000	
Total Quantity for Invitation				



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Contracting Officer
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