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Information

Description: 12-3J14-24-B-0084
Bid invitation number: 2000009713
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

**SOLICITATION
Domestic Commodity Invitation**

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 11/17/2023 08:00:00
Offer Due Date : 11/30/2023 13:00:00

Opening date: 11/30/2023 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Fresh Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO: 2000009713

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh vegetables 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, December 13, 2023. Deliveries are to be made between January 10, 2024 through June 26, 2024.

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh vegetables are required to undergo and pass the USDA AMS SCP Specialty Crop Inspection Division (SCID) Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices (GHP) verification audits, and must score at least 80% on each of the following scopes for each product being offered:
GAP - Farm Review AND Field Harvesting & Field Packing Activities
GHP - House Packing Facility AND Storage & Transportation
All these requirements must be met PRIOR to the bid opening date.

Brokers are exempt from the USDA GAP/GHP requirements themselves, HOWEVER suppliers/subcontractors performing under the contract must have the applicable USDA GAP/GHP certification(s). Verification audits shall be performed by the USDA, AMS, SCP-SCID representatives only.

*****100% Small Business Set-Aside*****
SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG 12/3 LB
POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB
POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB

Pack Year: USDA will accept product produced in calendar years 2023 and 2024 for deliveries made under resulting contracts.

The inspection for this award will be performed at destination.

In order to be found responsive the contractor and/or its subcontractors/suppliers must be compliance with USDA GAP/GHP certification. Offerors must include in their bid the GAP and GHP Audit Verification Document, which is found in the attachments section of this solicitation. Offerors who do not complete this document in its entirety, do not include the document as an attachment to their bid, or are missing the required USDA GAP/GHP scopes listed above must be deemed nonresponsive.

Inspection must be performed by SCI Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service only. Inspections under the Partners in Quality (PIQ) and Customer Assisted Inspection Program (CAIP) programs are not accepted for Commodity Procurement purchases.

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All audits are valid for one year after the date the audit was conducted. More information on USDA GAP/GHP audits can be found here: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/gap-ghp> or by reaching out to scaudits@usda.gov

Awardees may ship and supply from any location found here:

<https://apps.ams.usda.gov/GAPGHP/reportG01.aspx>

If USDA/AMS finds that suppliers used by the contractor are not in compliance with AMS GAP/GHP certification requirements after the product is delivered, the following courses of action will apply:

1. A cure notice shall be issued informing the contractor of their failure to comply with the required elements of this solicitation. The USDA will then deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries shipped or invoiced prior to the date listed on the cure notice.
2. If the contractor ships noncompliant product after the date of the cure notice:
 - a. USDA/AMS will deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries;
 - b. The contract will be terminated for cause; and
 - c. The contractor will be suspended from participating in all future USDA/AMS fresh fruit and vegetable solicitations for a period of one year from the date of contract termination.

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 November 2023; The Commodity Specification for Fresh Vegetables; 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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See attached documents:

- 1 . GAP and GHP Audit Verification Document
- 2 . Commodity Specification for Fresh Vegetables
- 3 . MSCP-D 11-7-2023

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).

1A) 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.

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https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/GS1_GDSN_ListofRequiredProducts.xlsx.

Offeror certifies that complete and accurate product information will be submitted to GS1 GDSN no later than 20 days after contract award, if the awarded contract includes item(s) from the List of Required Products for GS1 GDSN reporting.

1C) 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.

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
 - N/A

Bid invitation Item details

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10 VEGETABLE, FRESH						
20 POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB						
30 EXETER CA						
40	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/12/2024-02/14/2024	93221	800.000	CS
50 LAS VEGAS NV						
60	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/24/2024-06/26/2024	89030	800.000	CS
70 SALEM VA						
80	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/12/2024-02/14/2024	24153	800.000	CS
90 LOT: 649487096 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORL...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 649487096 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /						
100	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/03/2024-06/05/2024	70505	400.000	CS
110	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/03/2024-06/05/2024	70123	400.000	CS
120 LOT: 940155995 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORL...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 940155995 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /						
130	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/01/2024-04/03/2024	70505	400.000	CS
140	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/01/2024-04/03/2024	70123	400.000	CS
Total Quantity for POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5						CS

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
		LB			4,000.000	
150 POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB						
160 EXETER CA						
170	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/01/2024-04/03/2024	93221	800.000	CS
180 IMPERIAL CA						
190	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/04/2024-03/06/2024	92251	800.000	CS
200 INDIO CA						
210	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/05/2024-02/07/2024	92201	800.000	CS
220 MERCED CA						
230	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/05/2024-02/07/2024	95348	800.000	CS
240	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/24/2024-06/26/2024	95348	800.000	CS
250 SAN DIEGO CA						
260	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/04/2024-03/06/2024	92121	800.000	CS
270	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/11/2024-03/13/2024	92121	800.000	CS
280 EAST POINT GA						
290	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/08/2024-01/10/2024	30344	800.000	CS
300	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/22/2024-01/24/2024	30344	800.000	CS
310 DAVENPORT IA						
320	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/26/2024-02/28/2024	52802	800.000	CS
330 GENEVA IL						
340	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/05/2024-02/07/2024	60134	800.000	CS
350 ALEXANDRIA LA						
360	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/22/2024-01/24/2024	71301	800.000	CS
370 CLARE MI						
380	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/22/2024-01/24/2024	48617		CS

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					800.000		
390		LAS VEGAS NV					
400	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/22/2024-04/24/2024	89030		CS	
					800.000		
410		CLEVELAND OH					
420	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/08/2024-01/10/2024	44110		CS	
					800.000		
430	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/04/2024-03/06/2024	44110		CS	
					800.000		
440		LOT: 134808629 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORL...					
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 134808629 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /					
450	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/04/2024-03/06/2024	70505		CS	
					400.000		
460	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/04/2024-03/06/2024	70123		CS	
					400.000		
470		LOT: 214517268 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSO...					
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 214517268 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSON MS /					
480	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/03/2024-06/05/2024	38606		CS	
					200.000		
490	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/03/2024-06/05/2024	39201		CS	
					600.000		
500		LOT: 306617699 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSO...					
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 306617699 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSON MS /					
510	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	05/06/2024-05/08/2024	38606		CS	
					200.000		
520	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	05/06/2024-05/08/2024	39201		CS	
					600.000		
530		LOT: 564032821 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSO...					
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 564032821 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSON MS /					
540	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/24/2024-06/26/2024	38606		CS	
					200.000		
550	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/24/2024-06/26/2024	39201		CS	
					600.000		
560		LOT: 729474205 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSO...					
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 729474205 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSON MS /					
570	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/08/2024-04/10/2024	38606		CS	
					200.000		

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580	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/08/2024-04/10/2024	39201	600.000	CS
590 LOT: 765096335 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORL...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 765096335 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /						
600	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/08/2024-01/10/2024	70505	400.000	CS
610	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/08/2024-01/10/2024	70123	400.000	CS
620 LOT: 823342650 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSO...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 823342650 BATESVILLE MS / JACKSON MS /						
630	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/22/2024-04/24/2024	38606	200.000	CS
640	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/22/2024-04/24/2024	39201	600.000	CS
Total Quantity for POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB					18,400.000	CS
650 SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB						
660 SAN DIEGO CA						
670	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	01/08/2024-01/10/2024	92121	1,000.000	CS
680	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	04/01/2024-04/03/2024	92121	1,000.000	CS
690	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	04/08/2024-04/10/2024	92121	1,000.000	CS
700 BALTIMORE MD						
710	111058	SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB	01/29/2024-01/31/2024	21227	1,000.000	CS
Total Quantity for SWEET POTATO FRESH PKG-12/3 LB					4,000.000	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					26,400.000	CS



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