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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: 12-3J14-24-B-0203
Bid invitation number: 2000009850
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

SOLICITATION Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 01/30/2024 15:00:00
Offer Due Date : 02/13/2024 12:00:00

Opening date: 02/13/2024 12:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Sec 32 Dried Cherries, SOLICITATION NO: 2000009850

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Dried Cherries, 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, February 20, 2024. Deliveries are to be made between April 1, 2024 and August 31, 2024.

The specialist for this solicitation is Nicholas Cavazos, nicholas.cavazos@usda.gov. The contracting officer for this solicitation is Samantha Klagenberg, samantha.klagenberg@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.

Offerors should take into account their processing capacity when bidding to ensure they are able to meet the delivery deadlines.

Set asides include:

100298,,CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB 100% Small Business Set-aside

Crop Year:

2023 will be acceptable for this solicitation, for CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB.

** 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

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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.

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 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.

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See attached documents:

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- 1 . Section_32_Specification_for_Dried_Sweet_Cherries_February_2021
- 2 . MSCP-D (11-07-2023)

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 PKG-8/2 LB						
30 WALLINGFORD CT						
40	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/16/2024-08/31/2024	06492	1,848.000	CS
50 WASHINGTON DC						
60	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	07/01/2024-07/15/2024	20017	1,848.000	CS
70 OAKLAND PARK FL						
80	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	07/16/2024-07/31/2024	33334	1,848.000	CS
90 EAST POINT GA						
100	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	30344	1,848.000	CS
110 CHICAGO IL						
120	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/16/2024-08/31/2024	60632	1,848.000	CS
130 LAS VEGAS NV						
140	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	89030	1,848.000	CS
150 SYRACUSE NY						
160	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	13209	1,848.000	CS
170 PORTLAND OR						
180	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/16/2024-08/31/2024	97211	1,848.000	CS
190 OFFSHORE: CAROLINA PR						
200	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	06/01/2024-06/15/2024	00982	1,848.000	CS
210 LOT: 31091549 SALEM VA / VERONA VA /						
220	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	24153	924.000	CS
230	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	24482	924.000	CS

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240 LOT: 63690910 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLE...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 63690910 LAFAYETTE LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /						
250	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	70505		CS
					924.000	
260	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	70123		CS
					924.000	
270 LOT: 104990099 LATHAM NY / ROCHESTER ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 104990099 LATHAM NY / ROCHESTER NY / SYRACUSE NY /						
280	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	07/01/2024-07/15/2024	12110		CS
					924.000	
290	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	07/01/2024-07/15/2024	14615		CS
					462.000	
300	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	07/01/2024-07/15/2024	13209		CS
					462.000	
310 LOT: 116392609 CREEDMOOR NC / SALISBU...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 116392609 CREEDMOOR NC / SALISBURY NC /						
320	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	27522		CS
					924.000	
330	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	28147		CS
					924.000	
340 LOT: 136532466 ELIZABETHTOWN KY / LEX...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 136532466 ELIZABETHTOWN KY / LEXINGTON KY / LOUISVILLE KY /						
350	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	05/01/2024-05/15/2024	42701		CS
					616.000	
360	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	05/01/2024-05/15/2024	40511		CS
					616.000	
370	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	05/01/2024-05/15/2024	40228		CS
					616.000	
380 LOT: 146006059 FORT SMITH AR / JONESB..						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 146006059 FORT SMITH AR / JONESBORO AR / LITTLE ROCK AR /						
390	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	06/01/2024-06/15/2024	72901		CS
					378.000	
400	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	06/01/2024-06/15/2024	72404		CS
					408.000	
410	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	06/01/2024-06/15/2024	72209		CS

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					1,062.000	
420		LOT: 163077692 BROOKLYN PARK MN / NEW...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 163077692 BROOKLYN PARK MN / NEW HOPE MN /				
430	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	06/01/2024-06/15/2024	55428		CS
					1,436.000	
440	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	06/01/2024-06/15/2024	55428		CS
					412.000	
450		LOT: 185179946 COLORADO SPRING CO / D...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 185179946 COLORADO SPRING CO / DENVER CO /				
		GREELEY CO /				
460	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	80915		CS
					462.000	
470	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	80239		CS
					924.000	
480	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	80631		CS
					462.000	
490		LOT: 209728698 CLEVELAND OH / GROVE C...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 209728698 CLEVELAND OH / GROVE CITY OH /				
		LIMA OH /				
500	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	06/01/2024-06/15/2024	44110		CS
					462.000	
510	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	06/01/2024-06/15/2024	43123		CS
					647.000	
520	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	06/01/2024-06/15/2024	45804		CS
					739.000	
530		LOT: 276953514 BURLEY ID / POCATELLO ...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 276953514 BURLEY ID / POCATELLO ID /				
540	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	07/01/2024-07/15/2024	83318		CS
					1,232.000	
550	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	07/01/2024-07/15/2024	83201		CS
					616.000	
560		LOT: 282753191 AUBURN WA / TUMWATER WA /				
570	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	05/01/2024-05/15/2024	98001		CS
					1,519.000	
580	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	05/01/2024-05/15/2024	98512		CS
					329.000	
590		LOT: 288110896 HILO HI / HONOLULU HI ...				

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Tendering text - Item : LOT: 288110896 HILO HI / HONOLULU HI / LIHUE HI / WAILUKU HI /						
600	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	96720	355.000	CS
610	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	96819	1,170.000	CS
620	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	96766	98.000	CS
630	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	96793	225.000	CS
640 LOT: 295153454 TUCSON AZ / YUMA AZ /						
650	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	07/01/2024-07/15/2024	85713	924.000	CS
660	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	07/01/2024-07/15/2024	85365	924.000	CS
670 LOT: 323389097 AUBURN WA / SEATTLE WA...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 323389097 AUBURN WA / SEATTLE WA / TACOMA WA /						
680	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	05/01/2024-05/15/2024	98001	515.000	CS
690	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	05/01/2024-05/15/2024	98108	911.000	CS
700	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	05/01/2024-05/15/2024	98499	422.000	CS
710 LOT: 346133891 ERIE PA / REPUBLIC PA ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 346133891 ERIE PA / REPUBLIC PA / SHARON PA /						
720	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	05/16/2024-05/31/2024	16501	924.000	CS
730	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	05/16/2024-05/31/2024	15475	462.000	CS
740	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	05/16/2024-05/31/2024	16146	462.000	CS
750 LOT: 360674888 EVANSVILLE IN / FORT W...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 360674888 EVANSVILLE IN / FORT WAYNE IN / MERRILLVILLE IN /						
760	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	06/16/2024-06/30/2024	47711	616.000	CS
770	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	06/16/2024-06/30/2024	46805		CS

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					616.000	
780	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	06/16/2024-06/30/2024	46410		CS
					616.000	
790 LOT: 375807659 AIKEN SC / NO CHARLEST...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 375807659 AIKEN SC / NO CHARLESTON SC /						
800	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/16/2024-08/31/2024	29803		CS
					924.000	
810	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/16/2024-08/31/2024	29405		CS
					924.000	
820 LOT: 435563012 HILLSIDE NJ / VINELAND...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 435563012 HILLSIDE NJ / VINELAND NJ /						
830	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	07205		CS
					924.000	
840	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	08360		CS
					924.000	
850 LOT: 481733353 MEMPHIS TN / NASHVILLE..						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 481733353 MEMPHIS TN / NASHVILLE TN /						
860	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	38118		CS
					924.000	
870	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	37228		CS
					924.000	
880 LOT: 489665935 ELMIRA NY / ELMSFORD N...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 489665935 ELMIRA NY / ELMSFORD NY /						
HAUPPAUGE NY /						
890	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	07/16/2024-07/31/2024	14903		CS
					616.000	
900	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	07/16/2024-07/31/2024	10523		CS
					616.000	
910	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	07/16/2024-07/31/2024	11788		CS
					616.000	
920 LOT: 551945211 BRIDGETON MO / KANSAS ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 551945211 BRIDGETON MO / KANSAS CITY MO /						
SPRINGFIELD MO /						
930	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	63044		CS
					886.000	
940	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	64129		CS
					500.000	

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950	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	65803	462.000	CS
960 LOT: 647427177 BATTLE CREEK MI / COMS...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 647427177 BATTLE CREEK MI / COMSTOCK PARK MI / TAYLOR MI /						
970	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	49037	1,000.000	CS
980	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	49321	424.000	CS
990	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	48180	424.000	CS
1000 LOT: 752186625 EAU CLAIRE WI / MADISO...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 752186625 EAU CLAIRE WI / MADISON WI / WEST MILWAUKEE WI /						
1010	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/16/2024-08/31/2024	54703	709.000	CS
1020	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/16/2024-08/31/2024	53716	709.000	CS
1030	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	08/16/2024-08/31/2024	53219	430.000	CS
1040 LOT: 867732385 AUSTIN TX / HOUSTON TX...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 867732385 AUSTIN TX / HOUSTON TX / SAN ANTONIO TX /						
1050	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	07/16/2024-07/31/2024	78744	462.000	CS
1060	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	07/16/2024-07/31/2024	77029	924.000	CS
1070	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	07/16/2024-07/31/2024	78227	462.000	CS
1080 LOT: 942377237 HOUSTON TX / PHARR TX /						
1090	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	77029	1,386.000	CS
1100	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	78577	462.000	CS
1110 LOT: 991290411 FORT WORTH TX / PLANO ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 991290411 FORT WORTH TX / PLANO TX / TYLER TX /						
1120	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	05/16/2024-05/31/2024	76107		CS

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					462.000	
1130	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	05/16/2024-05/31/2024	75075		CS
					924.000	
1140	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	05/16/2024-05/31/2024	75711		CS
					462.000	
		Total Quantity for CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB				CS
					64,680.000	
		Total Quantity for Invitation				CS
					64,680.000	



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 Commodity Procurement Staff
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