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## Information

Description: **12-3J14-24-B-0212**  
Bid invitation number: **2000009859**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Domestic**

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 01/29/2024 13:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 02/12/2024 13:00:00

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

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

Crackers, SOLICITATION 12-3J14-24-B-0212 WBSCM NO: 2000009859

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Crackers pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the domestic food distribution programs. Bids are due by 1pm CT on February 12, 2024. Acceptances will be announced by 5pm CT on February 19, 2024. Deliveries are to be made between April 01, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

This acquisition is Unrestricted.

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.

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, 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 subcontractors 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.

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

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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.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated November 07, 2023 the Commodity Requirements Document for Crackers dated March 2020, or this Solicitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA, AMS, Commodity Procurement Program, Proteins, Grains, and Oilseeds Procurement Division; 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. S-0239; Washington, D.C. 20250-0239. Telephone: (202) 720-4517.

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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 . Crackers CRD
- 2 . Master Solicitation
- 3 . Bid Certification Questions

**Attributes :**

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

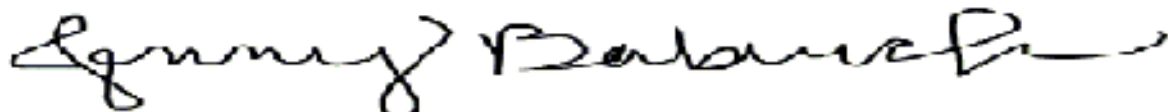
**Bid invitation Item details**

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
<b>10 CRACKER PROD, PROC</b>					
<b>20 CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ</b>					
<b>30 INDUSTRY CA</b>					
40	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	04/16/2024-04/30/2024	90601	22,680.000 LB
<b>50 EAST POINT GA</b>					
60	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	30344	22,680.000 LB
<b>70 KANSAS CITY MO</b>					
80	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	04/01/2024-04/15/2024	64161	22,680.000 LB
90	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	05/01/2024-05/15/2024	64161	22,680.000 LB
100	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	06/16/2024-06/30/2024	64161	22,680.000 LB
<b>110 LOT: 872497522 BOSTON MA / CHICOPEE MA /</b>					
120	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	06/01/2024-06/15/2024	02118	11,340.000 LB
130	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	06/01/2024-06/15/2024	01020	11,340.000 LB
<b>140 LOT: 908947978 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TUL..</b>					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 908947978 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TULSA OK /					
150	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	06/16/2024-06/30/2024	73179	13,608.000 LB
160	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	06/16/2024-06/30/2024	74106	9,072.000 LB
<b>Total Quantity for CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ</b>					<b>158,760.000 LB</b>
<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>					<b>158,760.000 LB</b>



**Contracting Officer**  
**Commodity Procurement Division**  
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