

United States Department of Agriculture  
Agricultural Marketing Service  
Commodity Procurement Program  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW, S-0239  
Washington, DC 20250-0239

#### Information

Description: 12-3J14-25-B-0311-0001  
Bid invitation number: 2000010757  
Purchasing Group: AMS-Domestic

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 04/17/2025 13:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 05/01/2025 13:00:00

Opening date: 05/01/2025 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

CRACKERS, SOLICITATION 12-3J14-25-B-0311 WBSCM NO: 2000010757

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 05/01/2025. Acceptances will be announced by 5pm CT on 05/09/2025. Deliveries are to be made between 07/16/2025 # 09/30/2025.

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.

This Acquisition is Unrestricted for Crackers.

The Government will award contracts to eligible HUBZone bidders as provided in the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements, Part II, Section C: 4A52.219-80 The HUBZone Program. If the bidder elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its bid.

The Commodity Requirements Document for Crackers dated March 01, 2020 reference to the Commercial Items Description (CID) for Crackers A-A-20286A dated March 14, 2013 is updated to reference the current version, A-A-20286B dated May 27, 2020.

CID A-A-20286B references two different manufacturing processes for a similar type of cracker (soda vs saltine), USDA Commodity Procurement has the option to allow both when purchasing this product.

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 subcontractor's responsibility including Plant Sanitation and Food Defense surveys. The Contracting Officer will directly determine a prospective subcontractor's responsibility, per FAR 9.104-4.

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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.

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.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated March 20, 2025, the Commodity Requirements Document for Crackers dated March 01, 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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System updates may lag policy updates. The System for Award Management (SAM) may continue to require entities to complete representations based on provisions that are not included in agency solicitations. Examples include 52.222-25, Affirmative Action Compliance, and paragraph (d) of 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications-Commercial Products and Commercial Services. Contracting officers will not consider these representations when making award decisions or enforce requirements. Entities are not required to, nor are they able to, update their entity registration to remove these representations in SAM.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at [How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint](#) and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil

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Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or  
(3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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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 . MSCP-D
- 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</b>		<b>CRACKER PROD, PROC</b>				
<b>20</b>		<b>CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ</b>				
<b>30</b>		<b>NORTH LITTLE ROCK AR</b>				
40	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	07/16/2025-07/31/2025	72114	22,680.000	LB
50	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	08/16/2025-08/31/2025	72114	22,680.000	LB
60	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	09/16/2025-09/30/2025	72114	22,680.000	LB
<b>70</b>		<b>KANSAS CITY MO</b>				
80	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	08/01/2025-08/15/2025	64161	22,680.000	LB
<b>90</b>		<b>NASHVILLE TN</b>				
100	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	09/16/2025-09/30/2025	37228	22,680.000	LB
<b>110</b>		<b>HOUSTON TX</b>				
120	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	08/16/2025-08/31/2025	77029	22,680.000	LB
<b>130</b>		<b>LOT: 15407927 DENVER CO / GRAND JUNCT...</b>				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 15407927 DENVER CO / GRAND JUNCTION CO /				
140	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	09/16/2025-09/30/2025	80239	17,016.000	LB
150	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	09/16/2025-09/30/2025	81505	5,664.000	LB
<b>160</b>		<b>LOT: 24634843 COVINGTON TN / HENDERSO...</b>				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 24634843 COVINGTON TN / HENDERSON TN /				
170	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	09/16/2025-09/30/2025	38019	4,536.000	LB
180	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	09/16/2025-09/30/2025	38340	18,144.000	LB
<b>190</b>		<b>LOT: 784859409 BOSTON MA / CHICOPEE M...</b>				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 784859409 BOSTON MA / CHICOPEE MA /				
		SHREWSBURY MA /				
200	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	09/01/2025-09/15/2025	02118	11,340.000	LB
210	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	09/01/2025-09/15/2025	01020	5,676.000	LB
220	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16	09/01/2025-09/15/2025	01545		LB

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity
		OZ			5,664.000
<b>230 LOT: 886746617 COMSTOCK PARK MI / FLI...</b>					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 886746617 COMSTOCK PARK MI / FLINT MI /					
240	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16	09/16/2025-09/30/2025	49321	LB
		OZ			11,340.000
250	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16	09/16/2025-09/30/2025	48507	LB
		OZ			11,340.000
<b>260 LOT: 957423805 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TUL...</b>					
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 957423805 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TULSA OK /					
270	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16	08/16/2025-08/31/2025	73179	LB
		OZ			13,608.000
280	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16	08/16/2025-08/31/2025	74106	LB
		OZ			9,072.000
Total Quantity for CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ					LB
					249,480.000
Total Quantity for Invitation					LB
					249,480.000

**Amendment Details**

Amendment : 12-3J14-25-B-0311-0001

Date : 04/17/2025

Action	Item	Material	Description	Type
		Field	Old Value	UOM
			New Value	

See comments in the amendment header text for specific details.



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