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**Agricultural Marketing Service**  
Commodity Procurement Staff  
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Washington, DC 20250-0239

## Information

Description: **AG-FCVG-S-15-0099-P0001**  
Bid invitation number: **2000003538**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION

### Master/Shortfall Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 08/13/2015 15:40:00  
Offer Due Date : 08/24/2015 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 08/24/2015 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Master

#### Additional requested information:

#### Amendment Text :

8/14/2015 - Amendment A01 -The purpose of this amendment is to:

1) Change the Purchasing Group identified on the WBSCM Solicitation from #AMS # Poultry,# to #AMS # Fruit and Veg.#

2) Add the following attachment to the solicitation:

#CANNED VEGETABLE AMENDMENT 3 # 13 AUGUST 2015#

#### Tendering text - Header :

Canned Sweet Potatoes, SOLICITATION NO: 2000003538

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Canned Sweet Potatoes pursuant to the attached solicitation document for use in the National School Lunch Program and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 2, 2015. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2016 and October 31, 2016.

A conference call will be held Tuesday, August 18, 2015, at 1:00 pm eastern time. To participate in the conference call dial 1-888-844-9904, the participant passcode is 1693356#.

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 be uploaded in WBSCM, and to be submitted with their bids.

Purchases will be made on an f.o.b. destination basis in accordance with the attached solicitation document. 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 solicitation document; the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements dated April 2015, as amended; the Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetables dated September 2014, as amended, should

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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 . AMS Master Solicitation April 2015
- 2 . AMS Master Solicitation April 2015 Amendment No 1
- 3 . Canned Vegetables September 2014
- 4 . CANNED VEGETABLE AMENDMENT 1 MARCH 2015
- 5 . CANNED VEGETABLE AMENDMENT 2 JUNE 2015
- 6 . Schedule B Spreadsheet Data Input
- 7 . Sweet Potato IDIQ IFB 2015
- 8 . Amendment A01
- 9 . CANNED VEGETABLE AMENDMENT 3 13 AUG 2015

**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

