

**United States Department of Agriculture**  
**Agricultural Marketing Service**  
Commodity Procurement Staff  
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Room 3522-S, STOP 0239  
Washington, DC 20250-0239

## Information

Description: **AG-FDRF-S-16-0137**  
Bid invitation number: **2000004236**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 07/28/2016 14:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 08/12/2016 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 08/12/2016 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

##### Tendering text - Header :

Dried Fruit, SOLICITATION NO: 2000004236

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Dried Fruit 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, August 26, 2016. Deliveries are to be made between February 1, 2017 and March 31, 2017.

USDA will accept product produced in the preceding year as long as it was produced according to the applicable Commodity Specification and meets the requirements within.

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, Manufacturers 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 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

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assistance.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated April 2015; Master Solicitation, Amendment No1 dated June2015 and Amendment No2 dated May 2016; the Federal Purchase Program Specification (FPPS) for Dried Fruit dated August 2014, Specifications for Dried Fruit, Amendment No1 dated March 2015 and Amendment 02 dated April 2016; 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 . SPECIFICATION FOR DRIED FRUIT, AMENDMENT NO1 MARCH 2015.
- 2 . SPECIFICATION FOR DRIED FRUIT AUGUST 2014.
- 3 . AMS MASTER SOLICITATION APRIL 2015.
- 4 . Master Solicitation Amendment No1 March 2015
- 5 . Specification for Dried Fruit Amendment No2 May 2016
- 6 . Master Solicitation Amendment No2 April 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

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- 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:
- N/A
  - No
  - Yes

**Bid invitation Item details**

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
<b>10 FRUIT, DRIED</b>						
<b>20 CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB</b>						
<b>30 YUMA AZ</b>						
40	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	03/16/2017-03/31/2017	85365	1,848	CS
<b>50 SACRAMENTO CA</b>						
60	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/16/2017-02/28/2017	95828	1,848	CS
70	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	03/01/2017-03/15/2017	95828	1,848	CS
80	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	03/16/2017-03/31/2017	95828	1,848	CS
<b>90 TALLAHASSEE FL</b>						
100	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	03/01/2017-03/15/2017	32310	1,848	CS

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<b>110 LAGRANGE GA</b>						
120	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/16/2017-02/28/2017	30240	1,848	CS
<b>130 NEW ORLEANS LA</b>						
140	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	70123	1,848	CS
<b>150 AUGUSTA ME</b>						
160	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	03/01/2017-03/15/2017	04333	1,848	CS
<b>170 CREEDMOOR NC</b>						
180	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	27522	1,848	CS
<b>190 FARGO ND</b>						
200	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	58102	1,848	CS
<b>210 VINELAND NJ</b>						
220	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	08360	1,848	CS
<b>230 ELMSFORD NY</b>						
240	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	10523	1,848	CS
<b>250 ERIE PA</b>						
260	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/16/2017-02/28/2017	16501	1,848	CS
<b>270 LOT: 86125921 CLEVELAND OH / FAIRFIEL..</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 86125921 CLEVELAND OH / FAIRFIELD OH / GROVE CITY OH /						
280	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	44110	616	CS
290	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	45014	616	CS
300	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	43123	616	CS
<b>310 LOT: 162364932 EVANSVILLE IN / INDIAN..</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 162364932 EVANSVILLE IN / INDIANAPOLIS IN / LOUISVILLE KY /						
320	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	47711	370	CS
330	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	46241	1,108	CS
340	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	40228	370	CS
<b>350 LOT: 178053257 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 178053257 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE SC / NO CHARLESTON SC /						
360	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	03/01/2017-03/15/2017	29803	296	CS
370	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	03/01/2017-03/15/2017	29611	1,090	CS
380	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	03/01/2017-03/15/2017	29405	462	CS
<b>390 LOT: 186229218 CHATTANOOGA TN / KINGS...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 186229218 CHATTANOOGA TN / KINGSPORT TN /						

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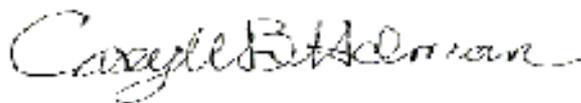
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400	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	37406	924	CS
410	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	37663	924	CS
<b>420 LOT: 219320298 JONESBORO AR / NORFORK..</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 219320298 JONESBORO AR / NORFORK AR / RUSSELLVILLE AR /						
430	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	72404	616	CS
440	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	72658	616	CS
450	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	72802	616	CS
<b>460 LOT: 231141398 CHICAGO IL / SPRINGFIE..</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 231141398 CHICAGO IL / SPRINGFIELD IL /						
470	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	03/16/2017-03/31/2017	60632	924	CS
480	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	03/16/2017-03/31/2017	62703	924	CS
<b>490 LOT: 286389604 KENT WA / SEATTLE WA /...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 286389604 KENT WA / SEATTLE WA / TACOMA WA /						
500	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	03/16/2017-03/31/2017	98032	1,192	CS
510	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	03/16/2017-03/31/2017	98108	447	CS
520	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	03/16/2017-03/31/2017	98409	209	CS
<b>530 LOT: 736754663 LORTON VA / RICHMOND V...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 736754663 LORTON VA / RICHMOND VA / SALEM VA /						
540	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	03/16/2017-03/31/2017	22079	616	CS
550	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	03/16/2017-03/31/2017	23220	616	CS
560	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	03/16/2017-03/31/2017	24153	616	CS
<b>570 LOT: 965169726 COMSTOCK PARK MI / DET...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 965169726 COMSTOCK PARK MI / DETROIT MI / FLINT MI /						
580	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	49321	462	CS
590	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	48207	903	CS
600	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	48503	483	CS
<b>610 LOT: 971848588 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TUL...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 971848588 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TULSA OK /						
620	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	73179	1,109	CS
630	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	02/01/2017-02/15/2017	74106	739	CS
<b>640 LOT: 5000341407 HELENA MT / MILLS WY /</b>						
650	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	03/16/2017-03/31/2017	59620	924	CS
660	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	03/16/2017-03/31/2017	82644	924	CS
<b>Total Quantity for CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB</b>					<b>44,352</b>	<b>CS</b>

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<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>			<b>44,352 CS</b>



**Contracting Officer**  
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