

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-FFRV-S-16-0140**
Bid invitation number: **2000004261**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 08/11/2016 13:30:00
Offer Due Date : 08/26/2016 13:00:00

Opening date: 08/26/2016 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Frozen Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO: 2000004261

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Frozen Vegetables 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, September 6, 2016. Deliveries are to be made between November 1, 2016 to November 15, 2016.

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.

All vendors and/or suppliers providing fresh MUSHROOMS shall undergo a Mushroom Good Agricultural Practices Program audit. The audit MUST be conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Specialty Crops Program (SCP), Specialty Crops Inspection (SCI) Division or licensed Federal-State auditors providing services under a cooperative agreement with USDA oversight. The audit conducted MUST be the USDA, GAP & GHP Audit for mushroom production. The audit must cover all parts of the operation which are applicable to the commodity being purchased. A copy of the audit standards and checklists are available on the USDA website at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/gapghp>, or from your local USDA or Federal-State inspection office. A listing of USDA and Federal-State inspection offices are also available on the website listed above.

In order to verify that the contractor and/or its subcontractors/suppliers are in compliance with GAP/GHP certification, offerors are required to submit GAP/GHP certificates for all scopes of the contract being performed and for all commodities being offered. Certificates MUST be UPLOADED in WBSCM as part of their bids. Bids received without copies of GAP/GHP certificates, or missing one of the scopes specified above for GAP/GHP will be deemed nonresponsive.

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.

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).

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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 April 2015; the Specification for Frozen Vegetables dated June 2014, as amended; 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 FROZEN VEGETABLES JUNE 2014
- 2 . AMS Master Solicitation April 2015
- 3 . SPECIFICATION FOR FROZEN VEG AMENDMENT 2 MARCH 2015
- 4 . SPECIFICATION FOR FROZEN VEG AMENDMENT 1 MARCH 2015
- 5 . SPECIFICATION FOR FROZEN VEG AMENDMENT 4 JANUARY 2016
- 6 . SPECIFICATION FOR FROZEN VEG AMENDMENT 5 MAY 2016
- 7 . AMS MASTER SOLICITATION AMENDMENT NO. 1 JUNE 2015
- 8 . AMS MASTER SOLICITATION AMENDMENT NO. 1 MAY 2016
- 9 . SPECIFICATION FOR FROZEN VEG AMENDMENT 3 JANUARY 2016

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).

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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
 - N/A

Bid invitation Item details

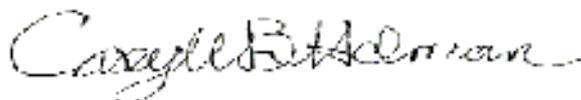
Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10		VEGETABLE, FROZEN				
20		MUSHROOMS DICED FRZ IQF CTN-40 LB				
30		KANSAS CITY MO				
40	110421	MUSHROOMS DICED FRZ IQF CTN-40 LB	11/01/2016-11/15/2016	64161	924	CS

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
50 NEWARK NJ						
60	110421	MUSHROOMS DICED FRZ IQF CTN-40 LB	11/01/2016-11/15/2016	07114	924	CS
70 HARRISON OH						
80	110421	MUSHROOMS DICED FRZ IQF CTN-40 LB	11/01/2016-11/15/2016	45030	924	CS
Total Quantity for MUSHROOMS DICED FRZ IQF CTN-40 LB					2,772	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					2,772	CS



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