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Information

Description: 12-3J14-24-B-0362
Bid invitation number: 2000010041
Purchasing Group: AMS-Domestic

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Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 04/22/2024 13:00:00
Offer Due Date : 05/06/2024 13:00:00

Opening date: 05/06/2024 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

CRACKERS, SOLICITATION 12-3J14-24-B-0362 WBSCM NO: 2000010041

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 5/6/2024. Acceptances will be announced by 5pm CT on 5/20/2024. Deliveries are to be made between 7/1/2024 - 9/30/2024.

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 February 13, 2024, 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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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 . Bid Certification Questions
- 3 . MSCP-D

Attributes :

1. The Offeror has completed registration electronically via the System for Award Management (SAM) website at www.SAM.gov. The offeror verifies by submission of its offer that the SAM is accurate, complete, and current as of the bid submission date.
2. Amendments to Solicitation
3. Timely Deliveries
 - Permitted values:
 - HAVE BEEN DELIVERED
 - HAVE NOT BEEN DELIVERED
 - NO PREVIOUS CONTRACTS
4. Commercial Brand Name
5. Plant Location
6. All non-manufacturers pursuant to the Supplier Agreement Requirements, must furnish at the time of offer, the name, address, telephone number, and business size (i.e., large or small) of the supplier. Manufacturers enter N/A.
7. Meets Commodity Specifications
8. Point of Contact, name, email and number
 - Permitted values:
 - OFFEROR NAME AND TITLE
 - OFFEROR TELEPHONE
 - OFFEROR FAX
 - OFFEROR EMAIL
9. Emergency Point of Contact
10. The offeror certifies that complete and accurate product information will be submitted to GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN) no later than December 31, 2021, if the awarded contract includes item(s) from the List of Required Products.
11. Food Safety Modernization Act

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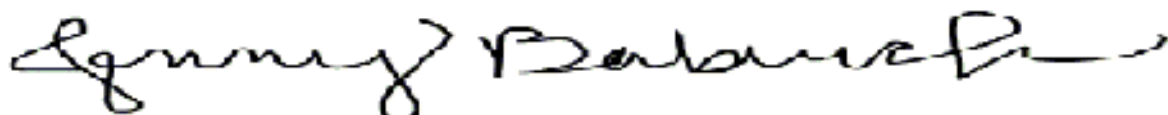
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Permitted values: - YES
 - NO

Bid invitation Item details

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10		CRACKER PROD, PROC				
20		CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ				
30		BOSTON MA				
40	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	08/16/2024-08/31/2024	02118	22,680.000	LB
50		KANSAS CITY MO				
60	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	07/01/2024-07/15/2024	64161	68,040.000	LB
70	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	07/16/2024-07/31/2024	64161	45,360.000	LB
80	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	64161	45,360.000	LB
90	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	08/16/2024-08/31/2024	64161	22,680.000	LB
100	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	09/01/2024-09/15/2024	64161	45,360.000	LB
110	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	09/16/2024-09/30/2024	64161	22,680.000	LB
120		OFFSHORE: CAGUAS PR				
130	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	07/16/2024-07/31/2024	00725	22,680.000	LB
140		LOT: 904917526 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TUL..				
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150	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	09/16/2024-09/30/2024	73179	13,608.000	LB
160	100403	CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ	09/16/2024-09/30/2024	74106	9,072.000	LB
		Total Quantity for CRACKERS UNSALTED TOPS BOX-12/16 OZ			317,520.000	LB
		Total Quantity for Invitation			317,520.000	LB



Contracting Officer
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