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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-24-B-0439**
Bid invitation number: **2000010129**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 05/15/2024 16:00:00
Offer Due Date : 05/29/2024 15:00:00

Opening date: 05/29/2024 15:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Annual Kosher: Fruit-Vegetables-Beans (Canned, Frozen & Dry), SOLICITATION NO: 2000010129.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Canned Vegetables, Dried Beans, Dried Edible Beans, and Frozen & Canned Fruit pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the National School Lunch Program. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, June 7, 2024. Deliveries are to be made between August 2024 and January 2025.

The specialist for this solicitation is Ashley Train (Ashley.Train@usda.gov). The contracting officer for this solicitation is Kelli Dawkins (Kelli.Dawkins@usda.gov). Please contact the specialist first, with questions regarding the requirements of this solicitation. Do not discuss your bid prices with the specialist or contracting officer before award.

ALL LINE ITEMS ARE KOSHER PRODUCTS

* * * For this solicitation ALL products must comply with applicable dietary (Kosher) laws as established by 613 Council of Kashruth. Manufacturing plants shall be certified for compliance with the Kosher requirement by contacting the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York (BJENY) at 646-472-5368. At no cost to the vendor, a rabbinic supervisor will be sent to certify compliance of the manufacturing plant with the dietary (kosher) laws. Vendors must not bid on these purchase units unless they can be properly certified. Kosher products purchased solely for the #613 Council of Kashruth# do not require a Kosher symbol on the primary or secondary container. * * *

Packing Season: All fresh products to be processed, must be from the current 2024 crop year. Pack Year 2023 will be accepted for material 110053 K APPLESAUCE CAN-6/10 with delivery period 8/15/2024.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver by the required NLT dates.

There is a probationary period for new-to-AMS contractors and existing contractors bidding on new products in which awards may be limited to 10 truckloads per product. Contractor must demonstrate successful delivery of at least five (5) truckloads of [new] 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.

The Quantity Tolerance section of the specification document, "Contractor will be allowed a tolerance on the final delivery of plus or minus 50 cases of each product, from each shipping point named in the purchase order", is not applicable to this solicitation. USDA will not pay for any cases exceeding the contracted quantity.

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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.

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 assistance.

Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated February 2024; Specification for Canned Vegetables dated January 2023; Canned Fruit dated June 2023, Frozen Fruit dated February 2022, Canned Dried Beans dated August 2021, Dry Edible Beans, Peas and Lentils, dated July 2023; 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 . Commodity Specifications Canned Vegetables Jan 2023

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- 2 . MSCP dated 2-13-2024
- 3 . Commodity Specifications Frozen Fruit
- 4 . Commodity Specifications Canned Dry Beans
- 5 . Commodity Specifications Canned Fruit
- 6 . Commodity Specifications Dry Edible Beans

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
 - 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).

1A) Offeror has reviewed the List of Required Products for GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN) Reporting located at:

- Permitted values:
- N/A
 - NO
 - YES

https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/GS1_GDSN_ListofRequiredProducts.xlsx.

1B) Offeror certifies that complete and accurate product information will be submitted to GS1 GDSN no later 20 days after contract award, if the awarded contract includes item(s) from the List of Required Products for GS1 GDSN reporting.

1C) Offeror certifies that the information submitted in GS1 GDSN will be kept up-to-date (to reflect changes in product attributes, such as changes to the ingredient or allergen statement) until the end of the contract period.

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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		BEANS, DRY				
20		K BEANS GREAT NORTHERN DRY BAG-25 LB				
30		WAYNE NJ				
40	110066	K BEANS GREAT NORTHERN DRY BAG-25 LB	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	07470	1,600.000	CS
		Total Quantity for K BEANS GREAT NORTHERN DRY BAG-25 LB			1,600.000	CS
50		FRUIT, CANNED				
60		K APPLESAUCE CAN-6/10				
70		WAYNE NJ				
80	110053	K APPLESAUCE CAN-6/10	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	07470	2,736.000	CS
90	110053	K APPLESAUCE CAN-6/10	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	07470	2,736.000	CS
		Total Quantity for K APPLESAUCE CAN-6/10			5,472.000	CS
100		K PEACHES CLING CAN-6/10				
110		WAYNE NJ				
120	110054	K PEACHES CLING CAN-6/10	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	07470	3,648.000	CS
130	110054	K PEACHES CLING CAN-6/10	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	07470	2,736.000	CS
		Total Quantity for K PEACHES CLING CAN-6/10			6,384.000	CS
140		K PEARS SLICES CAN-6/10				
150		WAYNE NJ				
160	110055	K PEARS SLICES CAN-6/10	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	07470	2,736.000	CS
170	110055	K PEARS SLICES CAN-6/10	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	07470	2,736.000	CS

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Total Quantity for K PEARS SLICES CAN-6/10					5,472.000	CS
180		FRUIT, FROZEN				
190		K PEACH FREESTONEDICED FRZ CUP-96/4.4 OZ				
200		WAYNE NJ				
210	110056	K PEACH FREESTONEDICED FRZ CUP-96/4.4 OZ	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	07470	1,400.000	CS
220	110056	K PEACH FREESTONEDICED FRZ CUP-96/4.4 OZ	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	07470	1,400.000	CS
Total Quantity for K PEACH FREESTONEDICED FRZ CUP-96/4.4 OZ					2,800.000	CS
230		VEGETABLE, CANNED				
240		K BEANS GARBANZO CAN-6/10				
250		WAYNE NJ				
260	110483	K BEANS GARBANZO CAN-6/10	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	07470	864.000	CS
Total Quantity for K BEANS GARBANZO CAN-6/10					864.000	CS
270		K CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10				
280		WAYNE NJ				
290	110059	K CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	07470	2,736.000	CS
300	110059	K CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	07470	1,824.000	CS
Total Quantity for K CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10					4,560.000	CS
310		K TOMATO PASTE CAN-6/10				
320		WAYNE NJ				
330	110102	K TOMATO PASTE CAN-6/10	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	07470	912.000	CS
Total Quantity for K TOMATO PASTE CAN-6/10					912.000	CS
340		K TOMATO SAUCE CAN-6/10				
350		WAYNE NJ				
360	110101	K TOMATO SAUCE CAN-6/10	08/01/2024-08/15/2024	07470	1,824.000	CS

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370	110101	K TOMATO SAUCE CAN-6/10	01/01/2025-01/15/2025	07470	912.000	CS
					Total Quantity for K TOMATO SAUCE CAN-6/10	CS
					2,736.000	
					Total Quantity for Invitation	CS
					30,800.000	



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