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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-24-B-0520**
Bid invitation number: **2000010221**
Purchasing Group: **AMS Poultry**

SOLICITATION

Master/Shortfall Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 07/11/2024 17:00:00
Offer Due Date : 07/19/2024 13:00:00

Opening date: 07/19/2024 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Master

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

CHICKEN FAJITA PRODUCTS, SOLICITATION NO: 2000010221 WBSCM NO: 12-3J14-24-B-0520

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Chicken Fajitas pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the domestic food distribution programs. Bids are due on July 19, 2024. Acceptances will be announced by 11:59 pm CT on July 26, 2024.

Deliveries are to be made between September 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Please review all Solicitation documents attached to this solicitation. Solicitation attachments are incorporated by reference into the contract.

Basis for Offers/Awards

Offerors are to bid a single fixed price per state/territory for chicken fajita strip product. States/territories will be awarded to a single offeror in accordance with FAR Part 14 Procedures. The award will be made based on the lowest overall cost to the Government given offeror capacity constraints. In the event of capacity constraint limitations, the Government reserves the right to make multiple awards under this solicitation. Successful offerors will be issued monthly delivery orders, 60 days prior to the delivery period, outlining specific delivery information including delivery period, quantity, and delivery location information. Offerors may submit offers for less than the quantities indicated.

This solicitation is 50% Partial Small Business Set Aside. See FAR 52.219-7 Notice of Partial Small Business Set Aside. NAICS Code 311615 with size standard of 1,250 employees and below applies to this solicitation.

This solicitation also has a 10% Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business set aside.

Capacity must be entered in full truckloads and the number of stops will be limited to a maximum of three.

The Contract Specialist for this solicitation is Kevin Day (Kevin.Day@USDA.gov) and the Contracting Officer is Carrie Meyers (Carrie.Meyers@USDA.gov). Any questions or concerns regarding this solicitation should be addressed to the specialist first.

For a new -to-USDA contractor and existing contractors bidding on new products, a probationary period will 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 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.

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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. Offshore destination ports: Guam (O-LA; Los Angeles, CA), Hawaii (O-LA; Los Angeles, CA), Puerto Rico (O-JACK; Jacksonville, FL) and Virgin Islands (O-PEVE; Port Everglades, FL).

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.

The Government reserves the right to reject, in total or in part, manufacturers lots, sub-lots, production dates or the like when non-conforming product is identified.

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, must 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.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. 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.

Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated February 2024, FPPS for Chicken Fajita Strips, Fully Cooked, Frozen dated March 2023; Supplement for Chicken Products Distributed for Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs dated August 2022 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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Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).

See attached documents:

- 1 . MSCP-D (02-13-2024)
- 2 . FPPS Chicken Fajita Strips March 2023
- 3 . Supplement for Chicken Products August 2022
- 4 . IDIQ 2024 Chicken Fajita Tendering Text

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).

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?

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

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

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.

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.

OFFEROR CERTIFIES THAT A FOOD DEFENSE PLAN EXISTS FOR ALL PLANTS AND SHIPPING POINTS PRIOR TO BID OPENING

Bid invitation Item details

Item Material Description	Quantity
10 CHICKEN, COOKED	
20 100117 CHICKEN FAJITA STRIPS CTN-30 LB	LB 7,644,000.00 0
Total Quantity for CHICKEN FAJITA STRIPS CTN-30 LB	LB 7,644,000.00 0
Total Quantity for Invitation	LB 7,644,000.00 0



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