United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service Commodity Procurement Program 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, S-0239 Information

Description: 12-3J14-25-B-0338
Bid invitation number: 2000010790
Purchasing Group: AMS-Livestock

### **SOLICITATION**

**Domestic Commodity Invitation** 

#### **Bid invitation Overview**

Washington, DC 20250-0239

Bid Timezone: Central Time

Start Date: 04/29/2025 14:30:00 Offer Due Date : 05/06/2025 13:00:00

Opening date: 05/06/2025 13:00:00

Invitation Type: Definite Delivery

### Additional requested information:

## Tendering text - Header :

CATFISH PRODUCTS, SOLICITATION NO: 2000010790 WBSCM NO: 12-3J14-24-B-0338

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Catfish Products pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the domestic food distribution programs. Bids are due by 1:00 pm CT on May 6, 2025. Acceptances will be announced by 5:00 pm CT on May 13, 2025.

Deliveries are to be made between July 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025.

The Contract Specialist for this solicitation is Chyra Lewis (Chyra.Lewis@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.

Material 110390 and 100201 is a hundred percent (100%) Small Business Set Aside - See FAR 52.219-6 Notice of Small Business Set-Aside.

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.

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 Island (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

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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.

System updates may lag policy updates. The System for Award Management (SAM) may continue to require entities to complete representations based on provisions that are not included in agency solicitations. Examples include 52.222-25, Affirmative Action Compliance, and paragraph (d) of 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications-Commercial Products and Commercial Services. Contracting officers will not consider these representations when making award decisions or enforce requirements. Entities are not required to, nor are they able to, update their entity registration to remove these representations in SAM.

Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated March 2025, the Commodity Requirements Document for Supplement 511 Catfish Products, dated July 2024, 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.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form.

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To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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### See attached documents:

- 1 . MSCP D March 2025
- 2 . Supplement 511 Catfish Products -- July 2024

#### 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

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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 (Comment: Yes)

- NO (Comment: No)

- N/A (Comment: N/A)

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

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.

| Bid invitation Item details           |      |          |                                 |            |                       |         |             |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|------|----------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|---------|-------------|----|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|                                       | ltem | Material | Description                     |            | Required by           | ZipCode | Quantity    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 FI                                 | SH,  | FROZEN   |                                 |            |                       |         |             |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 CATFISH FLTS UNBRD RAW PKG-20/2 LB |      |          |                                 |            |                       |         |             |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30 NORTH LITTLE ROCK AR               |      |          |                                 |            |                       |         |             |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4                                     | 40   | 110390   | CATFISH FLTS UNBRD RAW PKG-20/2 | 2 LB       | 07/01/2025-07/15/2025 | 72114   |             | LB |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                       |      |          |                                 |            |                       |         | 38,000.000  |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                       | 50   | 110390   | CATFISH FLTS UNBRD RAW PKG-20/2 | 2 LB       | 08/01/2025-08/15/2025 | 72114   |             | LB |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                       |      |          |                                 |            |                       |         | 38,000.000  |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| •                                     | 60   | 110390   | CATFISH FLTS UNBRD RAW PKG-20/2 | 2 LB       | 10/01/2025-10/15/2025 | 72114   |             | LB |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                       |      |          |                                 |            |                       |         | 38,000.000  |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7                                     | 70   | 110390   | CATFISH FLTS UNBRD RAW PKG-20/2 | 2 LB       | 11/16/2025-11/30/2025 | 72114   |             | LB |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                       |      |          | T                               | <b>-</b> 0 | NDDD DAW DVG 00/0     |         | 38,000.000  |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                       |      |          | Total Quantity for CATFISH FL   | -15 0      | NBRD RAW PKG-20/2     | LB      |             | LB |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                       |      |          |                                 |            |                       |         | 152,000.000 |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |

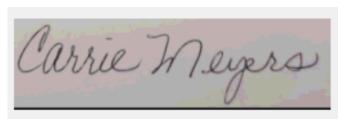
### 80 CATFISH STRIPS BRD OVN RDY PKG-4/10 LB

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| Item | Material | Description                               | Required by           | ZipCode | Quantity    | _  |
|------|----------|---|-----------------------|---------|-------------|----|
| 90 I | LOT: 764 | 44 CORINTH MS / JACKSON MS /              |                       |         |             |    |
| 100  | 100201   | CATFISH STRIPS BRD OVN RDY PKG-4/10<br>LB | 08/01/2025-08/15/2025 | 38835   | 12,880.000  | LB |
| 110  | 100201   | CATFISH STRIPS BRD OVN RDY PKG-4/10<br>LB | 08/01/2025-08/15/2025 | 39209   | 27,120.000  | LB |
| 120  | LOT: 76  | 552 CORINTH MS / JACKSON MS /             |                       |         |             |    |
| 130  | 100201   | CATFISH STRIPS BRD OVN RDY PKG-4/10<br>LB | 10/01/2025-10/15/2025 | 38835   | 14,560.000  | LB |
| 140  | 100201   | CATFISH STRIPS BRD OVN RDY PKG-4/10<br>LB | 10/01/2025-10/15/2025 | 39209   | 25,440.000  | LB |
|      |          | Total Quantity for CATFISH STRIPS<br>LB   | BRD OVN RDY PKG-4     | 1/10    | 80,000.000  | LB |
|      |          | Total Quantity for Invitation             |                       |         | 232.000.000 | LB |



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