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Information

Description: 12-3J14-25-B-0271
Bid invitation number: 2000010708
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 03/25/2025 12:30:00
Offer Due Date : 03/31/2025 15:00:00

Opening date: 03/31/2025 15:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Section 32 Frozen Fruit, Solicitation NO.: 2000010708

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offerors to sell Frozen Fruit for purchase by Section 32, 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, April 7, 2025. Deliveries are to be made between May 16, 2025, and November 15, 2025.

POINT OF CONTACT:

The specialist for this solicitation is Nick Cavazos (nicholas.cavazos@usda.gov). The Contracting Officer for this solicitation is Ashley Train (ashley.train@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.

Offerors are cautioned to bid on quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver by the required delivery periods.

BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB (111780) # No Set Asides

All fresh fruits used for this solicitation must be sourced from the 2024 crop year or newer.

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

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.

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.

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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.

#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 Specification for Frozen Fruit dated February 2022; 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.

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

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write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. 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.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

See attached documents:

- 1 . CommoditySpecificationforFrozenFruitFebruary2022
- 2 . MSCP_March 2025

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.

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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

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

Permitted values: - 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 than December 31, 2021, 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.

Bid invitation Item details

	Item	Material Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10	FRUIT, FROZEN					
20	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB					
30	INDUSTRY CA					
40	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	08/16/2025-08/31/2025	90601	1,320.000	CS
50	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	09/16/2025-09/30/2025	90601	1,320.000	CS
60	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	10/16/2025-10/31/2025	90601	1,320.000	CS
70	DELAWARE CITY DE					
80	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	05/16/2025-05/31/2025	19706		CS

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					1,320.000	
90		JACKSONVILLE FL				
100	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/16/2025-06/30/2025	32218		CS
					1,320.000	
110		SAVANNAH GA				
120	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	08/01/2025-08/15/2025	31405		CS
					1,320.000	
130		CHICAGO IL				
140	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	07/16/2025-07/31/2025	60632		CS
					1,320.000	
150		AUBURN ME				
160	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	08/01/2025-08/15/2025	04210		CS
					1,320.000	
170		FORT WORTH TX				
180	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	07/01/2025-07/15/2025	76107		CS
					1,320.000	
190		PLANO TX				
200	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	08/01/2025-08/15/2025	75075		CS
					1,320.000	
210		LOT: 9366891 ELIZABETHTOWN KY / INDEP...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 9366891 ELIZABETHTOWN KY / INDEPENDENCE KY / LOUISVILLE KY /				
220	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	09/01/2025-09/15/2025	42701		CS
					535.000	
230	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	09/01/2025-09/15/2025	41051		CS
					250.000	
240	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	09/01/2025-09/15/2025	40228		CS
					535.000	
250		LOT: 52891748 INDIANAPOLIS IN / MERRI...				
		Tendering text - Item : LOT: 52891748 INDIANAPOLIS IN / MERRILLVILLE IN / SOUTH BEND IN /				
260	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	10/01/2025-10/15/2025	46241		CS
					768.000	
270	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	10/01/2025-10/15/2025	46410		CS
					264.000	
280	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	10/01/2025-10/15/2025	46601		CS
					288.000	

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290 LOT: 79783942 MESA AZ / PHOENIX AZ /						
300	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	10/01/2025-10/15/2025	85210	660.000	CS
310	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	10/01/2025-10/15/2025	85009	660.000	CS
320 LOT: 108398349 RICHMOND VA / SALEM VA...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 108398349 RICHMOND VA / SALEM VA / VERONA VA /						
330	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	11/01/2025-11/15/2025	23228	440.000	CS
340	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	11/01/2025-11/15/2025	24153	440.000	CS
350	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	11/01/2025-11/15/2025	24482	440.000	CS
360 LOT: 160361156 SEATTLE WA / YAKIMA WA /						
370	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	09/01/2025-09/15/2025	98108	928.000	CS
380	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	09/01/2025-09/15/2025	98902	392.000	CS
390 LOT: 192187399 FORT SMITH AR / LITTLE..						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 192187399 FORT SMITH AR / LITTLE ROCK AR / MOUNTAIN HOME AR /						
400	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	08/16/2025-08/31/2025	72901	440.000	CS
410	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	08/16/2025-08/31/2025	72209	440.000	CS
420	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	08/16/2025-08/31/2025	72653	440.000	CS
430 LOT: 241231376 FARGO ND / SIOUX FALLS...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 241231376 FARGO ND / SIOUX FALLS SD /						
440	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	08/01/2025-08/15/2025	58102	660.000	CS
450	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	08/01/2025-08/15/2025	57107	660.000	CS
460 LOT: 274911803 ELMIRA NY / ELMSFORD N...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 274911803 ELMIRA NY / ELMSFORD NY / HAUPPAUGE NY /						
470	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	05/16/2025-05/31/2025	14903		CS

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					440.000	
480	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	05/16/2025-05/31/2025	10523		CS
					440.000	
490	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	05/16/2025-05/31/2025	11788		CS
					440.000	
500 LOT: 300966352 CLEVELAND OH / GROVE C...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 300966352 CLEVELAND OH / GROVE CITY OH / LIMA OH /						
510	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	05/16/2025-05/31/2025	44110		CS
					396.000	
520	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	05/16/2025-05/31/2025	43123		CS
					462.000	
530	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	05/16/2025-05/31/2025	45804		CS
					462.000	
540 LOT: 342035892 CREEDMOOR NC / SALISBU...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 342035892 CREEDMOOR NC / SALISBURY NC /						
550	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/16/2025-06/30/2025	27522		CS
					660.000	
560	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/16/2025-06/30/2025	28147		CS
					660.000	
570 LOT: 345527381 FLINT MI / KENTWOOD MI...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 345527381 FLINT MI / KENTWOOD MI / TAYLOR MI /						
580	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	08/01/2025-08/15/2025	48503		CS
					420.000	
590	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	08/01/2025-08/15/2025	49512		CS
					319.000	
600	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	08/01/2025-08/15/2025	48180		CS
					581.000	
610 LOT: 530131469 CHATTANOOGA TN / KINGS...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 530131469 CHATTANOOGA TN / KINGSPORT TN / MARYVILLE TN /						
620	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/01/2025-06/15/2025	37406		CS
					440.000	
630	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/01/2025-06/15/2025	37663		CS
					440.000	
640	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/01/2025-06/15/2025	37801		CS

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					440.000	
650 LOT: 857981512 EGG HARBOR NJ / HILLSI...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 857981512 EGG HARBOR NJ / HILLSIDE NJ / VINELAND NJ /						
660	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	09/01/2025-09/15/2025	08234	330.000	CS
670	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	09/01/2025-09/15/2025	07205	330.000	CS
680	111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	09/01/2025-09/15/2025	08360	660.000	CS
Total Quantity for BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB					30,360.000	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					30,360.000	CS



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