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Information

Description: **AG-INAP-S-12-0031-P0001**
Bid invitation number: **2000001098**
Purchasing Group: **FSA-Intl Packaged**

SOLICITATION
International Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 06/11/2012 17:00:00
Offer Due Date : 06/21/2012 09:00:00

Opening date: 06/21/2012 09:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Amendment Text :

Amendment P0001, dated 06/19/2012, for Bid invitation number 2000001098 (AG-INAP-S-12-0031)

Bid Invitation Item Details are amended as follows:

Item 20 - Modified tendering text

Section 9 is amended as follows:

Shipping periods for inland plants and plants located at the port have been updated

Item 20 tendering text now reads:

Nutritional information conforming to UNICEF requirements should be inserted in each shipping case.

In reference to CID A-A-20363A, Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF), TABLE II. Chemical forms of nutrients:

The unencapsulated form of ferrous sulphate is acceptable for this procurement. Alternate chemical forms of other nutrients listed in Table II will be considered on a case-by-case basis, but must be approved by the contracting officer.

Bid Invitation shipping periods are amended as follows:

Shipping periods for inland plants:

August 1 to August 31, 2012

Shipping periods for plants located at port:

August 1 to August 31, 2012

Daniel Webber
Contracting Officer, USDA

Tendering text :

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Commodities purchased by FSA on or after June 15, 2012, may be stored or handled only by facilities licensed under the United States Warehouse Act (USWA).

For suppliers required to furnish empty packaging:

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Pay special attention to Section 10. Other Requirements

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Reference Invitation: PREPOSITION

Also known as: Commodity Invitation 062C

Award Notification Date: June 22, 2012, 12:00 p.m.

Public Release of Award Date: June 22, 2012, 4:00 p.m.

1. Solicitation Information Contact:

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2. Internet Address:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=pas>

3. This Acquisition is:

/X/ Unrestricted
// Restricted
// Set Aside
--- // Small Business
--- // 8(a)
--- // SDVO

RESTRICTED:

Procurement of all Corn-Soy Blend-Pkgs (CSB) quantities listed in the "Bid invitation Item details" section below is limited to current IDIQ contract holders for CSB. Section 4(a)(ii) of the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements, regarding evaluation of bids for lowest landed cost, applies to all items listed in the "Bid invitation Item details".

NOTICE OF SMALL BUSINESS SET ASIDE:

If specified in the solicitation, certain quantities are set aside exclusively for small business firms under the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631, et seq.). Farmer-owned cooperatives, qualified as large under applicable SBA rules, are also eligible for award of set-aside quantities as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2209f.

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If a large farmer-owned cooperative is awarded quantities under a small business set-aside, it shall perform the contract or cause the contract to be performed in accordance with the obligations of a business concern eligible for the small business set-aside.

Bids received for these set-aside quantities from firms who are not small business concerns will not be considered. In the event the Government is unsuccessful in contracting with an eligible small business concern(s) for the set-aside quantities, it may award the quantities to other than small business concerns.

Small businesses that wish to bid on both the set-aside and the non-set-aside quantities shall submit separate bids for each quantity using separate entity codes or shall limit their minimum quantity to the set-aside quantity. Failure to comply with this requirement may cause the entire bid to be considered non-responsive.

NOTICE OF 8(a) ACQUISITION:

If specified in the solicitation, the Government may reserve a portion of the requirements for 8(a) firms certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Part 19. Farmer-owned cooperatives are also eligible for award of set-aside quantities as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2209f. The Government may increase the reserve to adjust quantities to carlot increments in the event multiple awards to eligible 8(a) firms. The Government shall offer for award to each 8(a) firm the lesser of: 1) their quantity bid of each targeted commodity, or 2) their proportional share of each targeted commodity, if the total quantities bid by all eligible 8(a) firms exceeds the amount of each targeted commodity. In no event shall the Government offer for award an amount in excess of an eligible 8(a) firm's maximum quantity, if so established by the Government. If the 8(a) small business firm is a nonmanufacturer, it shall meet the definition and requirements outlined in FAR Part 19. In the event the Government is unsuccessful in contracting with an eligible 8(a) firm for the reserve quantity, it may award the quantities to other than 8(a) firms.

HUBZONE PRICE EVALUATION PREFERENCE:

The Government will award contracts to eligible HUBZone bidders as provided in Part 2, Section A.4(b) of the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements at:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/Internet/FSA_File/Master_Solicitation.pdf

NOTICE OF SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE:

If specified in the solicitation, the Government may reserve a portion of the requirements for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned firms certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Part 19. Farmer-owned cooperatives are also eligible for award of set-aside quantities as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2209f. The Government shall offer for award to each Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned firm the lesser of: 1) their quantity bid of each targeted commodity, or 2) their proportional share of each targeted commodity, if the total quantities bid by all eligible Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned firms exceeds the amount of each targeted commodity. In no event shall the Government offer for award an amount in excess of an eligible Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned firm's maximum quantity, if so established by the Government. If the

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Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned small business firm is a nonmanufacturer, it shall meet the definition and requirements outlined in FAR Part 19. In the event the Government is unsuccessful in contracting with an eligible Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned firm for the set-aside quantity, it may award the quantities to other than Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned firms.

4. NAICS Codes/Size Standards:

See Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements at:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/Internet/FSA_File/Master_Solicitation.pdf

5. Delivery Type:

All commodities for preposition must be delivered F.A.S. to the Jacintoport Terminal in Houston, Texas.

/X/ f.a.s. vessel
 // Intermodal plant
 // Intermodal bridge
 // Intermodal bridge-port point for the Great Lakes

The Government shall consider bids for commodities delivered only to those potential delivery locations listed in the documents titled Approved Ports/Terminals and KC-362 Standard Abbreviations found at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=pas-ex-ap>

Note: For Food For Progress, McGovern-Dole Food For Education, and Section 416(b) procurements, "L" designation bid points shall not be considered.

6. Submission of Offers:

Bids, modifications, withdrawals of bids, and price adjustments shall be submitted using the Web Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) system. Submission of the above by any means other than WBSCM will be determined nonresponsive.

Bidders may submit bids for less than the quantities indicated. Bidders are encouraged to submit bids for as many shipping points as possible.

The WBSCM system can be accessed through the following website:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=wbs>

7. Programs:

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The commodities procured under this solicitation are for the following program(s):

/X/ P.L. 480 Title II (Procured by FSA on behalf of CCC)
 // P.L. 480 Title III (Procured by FSA on behalf of CCC)
 // Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust (Procured by FSA on behalf of CCC)
 // Food For Progress (Procured by FSA on behalf of CCC)
 // McGovern-Dole Food For Education
 // Section 416(b) (Procured by FSA on behalf of CCC)

8. Invoicing:

For purchase orders (awards) issued through WBSCM, the contractor shall use the invoicing function in WBSCM.

9. Shipment/Delivery Schedule:

Shipping periods for all commodities are as follows:

Shipping periods for inland plants:

August 1 to August 31, 2012

Shipping periods for plants located at port:

August 1 to August 31, 2012

For plants located as f.a.s. vessel delivery locations:

The shipping period(s) for plants located at port shall apply only to contracts that are processed and/or bagged within the same port to which delivery will be made. If the port has multiple berths and/or terminals, the vendor shall be liable for delivering the commodity to whichever berths and/or terminals have been designated by the steamship line within that port. If the commodity is processed and/or bagged at one port for delivery to a different port, the shipping period(s) for inland plants shall apply.

The Government shall issue shipping instructions (WBSCM "Purchase Orders") (PO) at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the first day of each period of performance scheduled in the contract. (See MSCP Part 3, Section A.8.) If shipping instructions are issued less than seven (7) calendar days prior to the first day of the contracted period of performance, the performance period shall be extended by the number of days the PO is issued late. Contractor shall not be entitled to any extension of the performance period unless it furnishes evidence satisfactory to the Government that it was prepared to perform during the contracted period of performance.

10. Other Requirements:

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Commodity Requirements Document RUTF2 is available at:

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Commodity requirements are available at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=pas-ex-cr>

When empty packaging is required:

The contractor shall ship the empty bags/boxes in the conveyance with the commodity. The contractor shall ensure that the empty bags/boxes are bundled securely and loaded into the conveyance so as to minimize damage and/or shortage to the packaging. There shall be no empty packaging shipped loosely on the floor of the conveyance. The contractor shall include the piece count of the empty bags/boxes on the bill of lading. The contractor shall include the piece count of the empty bags/boxes in the comments field when creating the Advance Shipment Notification (ASN) for the commodity within WBSCM.

11. Contractor Past Performance:

The Government will prepare a past performance evaluation at the time the work under the contract is completed. Evaluation will rate performance areas such as, quality of product or service, cost control, timeliness of performance, business relations, and when applicable, performance against, and efforts to achieve the goals identified in the small business subcontracting plan. The evaluation will be entered into the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS). Contractor will have an opportunity to comment on the Governments evaluation. Details on access and use of CPARS will be provided to the Contractor at a future date. The past performance evaluation may be used by the Government to support future award decisions.

12. FAR and Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) Provisions and Clauses:

- A. This solicitation shall be subject to the terms and conditions of KCCO's Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements (MSCP) in effect as of the date of this solicitation and can be found at:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/Internet/FSA_File/Master_Solicitation.pdf

The FAR and AGAR provisions and clauses applicable to this solicitation are contained in the MSCP.

- B. // Applicable if checked. FAR Clause 52.232-18, Availability of Funds (Apr 1984). Funds are not presently available for this contract. The Governments obligation under this contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on

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the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the contracting officer for this contract and until the contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the contracting officer.

