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Please Note:
New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters), and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all Vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

This invitation is for Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Set-Aside only, see FAR 52.219-27 Notice of Total Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Set-Aside.

FV-311

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: August 1, 2006

Fresh Apples, Announcement FV-311, Invitation 017

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition program and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central Time, Tuesday, August 15, 2006**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Wednesday, August 30, 2006. Deliveries are to be made from October 30, 2006, through November 15, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for 9,240 cases of fresh apples in 37/40 lb. cartons to a shipping container.

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York, must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.**

Note: Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is <http://orca.bpn.gov>. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated Appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm>

However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of their Appendix 1.



Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-311, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated April 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-311, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV311
 INVITATION : 017
 COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH

PREFERENCE
 CODES: B -BRAEBURN
 E -EMPIRE
 G -GALA
 RD-RED DELICIOUS
 GD-GOLDEN DELICI
 YI-YORK IMPERIAL
 M -MCINTOSH
 F -FUJI

COMM TYPE : 10 APPLES, FRESH
 PACK SIZE : 10 37/40 LB CARTON

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)	PREFERENCE		
						1	2	3
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/30/06 - 11/01/06								
001	NEWPORT	MN		924	_____	B	E	G
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/06/06 - 11/08/06								
002	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	RD	GD	YI
003	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	RD		
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/13/06 - 11/15/06								
004	CHICOPEE	MA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	M		
005	CHICOPEE WILMINGTON	MA MA	TRUCK ONLY	462 462	_____	M		
006	TAUNTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	M		
007	WILMINGTON	MA		924	_____	M		
008	RIVIERA BEACH	FL	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	GD		
009	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	RD		
010	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	G	F	RD
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				9,240				
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				9,240				


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 Contracting Officer

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