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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.

FV-301 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: August 3, 2006

Frozen Fruit, Announcement FV-301, Invitation 036

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to schools and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central time, Thursday, August 17, 2006.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, August 31, 2006. Deliveries are to be made from November 16, 2006 through April 30, 2007.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Frozen Apple Slices	30 lb.	31,680 cases

- All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

- 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.

- On "BKLYN/CEN ISLIP NY" destinations, shippers are instructed to call the contact person on the Notice to Deliver first prior to making an appointment, so that they can be directed to which warehouse they will ship the product.

- Manufacturer's own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability of the product (NO tray packs).

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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-301, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Frozen 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 to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-301, 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 a single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV301
INVITATION : 036
COMM GROUP : 31 FRUIT, FROZEN
COMM TYPE : 50 APPLE SLICES, FROZEN
PACK SIZE : 30 30 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/06 - 11/30/06					
001	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
002	LONG BEACH	CA	TRUCK ONLY	330	_____
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	990	
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/06 - 12/15/06					
003	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	5,280	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/07 - 01/15/07					
004	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	3,960	_____
005	INDEPENDENCE	MO		7,920	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/07 - 01/31/07					
006	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	5,280	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/01/07 - 02/15/07					
007	MCALESTER	OK		1,320	_____
008	FORT WORTH	TX		1,320	_____
009	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
010	HOUSTON	TX		800	_____
	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	520	

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DELIVERY PERIOD 04/16/07 - 04/30/07					
011	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				31,680	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				31,680	

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Contracting Officer

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