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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: March 1, 2007

Frozen Fruit, Announcement FV-301, Invitation 046

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central time, Thursday, March 15, 2007.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, March 29, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from July 1, 2007 through October 31, 2007.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Frozen Sliced Apricots	20 lb. box	19,000 cases

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

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.

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 : 046
COMM GROUP : 31 FRUIT, FROZEN
COMM TYPE : 60 APRICOTS, SLICED, FROZEN
PACK SIZE : 20 20 LB BOX

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/01/07 - 07/15/07					
001	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,900	_____
002	NATIONAL CITY	CA		1,900	_____
003	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,900	_____
004	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,900	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/16/07 - 07/31/07					
005	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	3,800	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/01/07 - 08/15/07					
006	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,900	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/16/07 - 08/31/07					
007	COMMERCE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	652	_____
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,248	
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/07 - 10/15/07					
008	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,900	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/07 - 10/31/07					
009	MCALESTER	OK		1,900	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 19,000

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Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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