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Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Appendix I, 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-303

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: June 20, 2006

Frozen Vegetables, Announcement FV-303, Invitation 020

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen vegetables as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the needy family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1:00 p.m., Central time, Wednesday, June 28, 2006**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, July 7, 2006. Deliveries are to be made from August 1, 2006 through October 15, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Asparagus 12/2.5 lb 6,000 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 markings 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-303, Appendix-1; the Commodity Specification for Frozen Vegetables dated April 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, Washington, DC 20250-0239, 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-303, 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 : FV303
 INVITATION : 020
 COMM GROUP : 39 VEGETABLES, FROZEN
 COMM TYPE : 05 ASPARAGUS, FROZEN
 PACK SIZE : 30 12/2.5 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/01/06 - 08/15/06					
001	ST CHARLES	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,200	_____
002	EVANSVILLE	IN	TRUCK ONLY	1,200	_____
003	FORT WORTH	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,200	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/06 - 09/15/06					
004	ELIZABETHTOWN	KY	TRUCK ONLY	342	_____
	LEXINGTON	KY	TRUCK ONLY	516	_____
	LOUISVILLE	KY	TRUCK ONLY	342	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/06 - 10/15/06					
005	BALTIMORE	MD		1,200	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				6,000	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				6,000	


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 Contracting Officer

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