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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-314

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: April 11, 2006

Fresh Vegetables, Announcement FV-314, Invitation 007

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh tomatoes as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to Needy Families and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Tuesday, **April 18, 2006**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, April 21, 2006. Deliveries are to be made from May 8, 2006 through May 10, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Fresh Tomatoes

25 lb ctn

12,800 cases

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh tomatoes are required to undergo the USDA AMS FVP Fresh Products Branch Good Handling Practices (GHP) certification process, and must score at least 70% on each of the following elements: House Packing; Storage and Transportation; and Traceback, prior to the submission of bids. Brokers are exempt from this requirement.

Vendors or subcontractors who have not acquired the GHP certification prior to the submission of bids will be deemed non-responsive.

The Fresh Produce Audit Verification Program can be accessed at the following website:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbgapghp.htm>

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

Notes:

- (1) 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



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.

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.

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-314, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh Vegetables, 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-314, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. 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 : FV314
 INVITATION : 007
 COMM GROUP : 38 VEGETABLES, FRESH
 COMM TYPE : 40 TOMATOES, FRESH
 PACK SIZE : 25 25 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 05/08/06 - 05/10/06

001	CLEARWATER	FL	TRUCK ONLY	400	
	LAKELAND	FL	TRUCK ONLY	800	
	NEW PORT RICHEY	FL	TRUCK ONLY	400	
002	JACKSONVILLE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	800	
	TALLAHASSEE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	400	
	THEODORE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	400	
003	FLORIDA CITY	FL	TRUCK ONLY	800	
	KISSIMMEE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	400	
	LAND O'LAKES	FL	TRUCK ONLY	400	
004	BRADENTON	FL	TRUCK ONLY	400	
	FORT PIERCE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	400	
	MIAMI	FL	TRUCK ONLY	800	
005	NORTH MIAMI	FL	TRUCK ONLY	800	
	ORLANDO	FL	TRUCK ONLY	800	
006	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	TRUCK ONLY	3,200	
007	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	TRUCK ONLY	960	
	TULSA	OK	TRUCK ONLY	640	

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 12,800

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