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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 Certification 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-309 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

This Invitation is for Small Business Set-Aside only; see FAR 52.219-6 Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside.

Date Issued: August 24, 2006

Dry Edible Beans, Peas, and Lentils, Announcement FV-309, Invitation 023

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dry edible beans, peas, and lentils 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, September 7, 2006**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, **Thursday, September 21, 2006**. Deliveries are to be made from November 16, 2006 through March 31, 2007.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dry Beans, Pinto	25 lb bags	19,200 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 this 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 the Appendix 1.

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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-309; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specification for Dry, Edible Beans, Peas and Lentils, 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 20250-0239, 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 of the commodities listed below will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-309, 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 : FV309
INVITATION : 023
COMM GROUP : 42 LEGUMES, DRY
COMM TYPE : 30 BEANS, PINTO, DRY
PACK SIZE : 25 25 LB BAG

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/06 - 11/30/06					
001	LITTLE ROCK	AR	TRUCK ONLY	3,200	_____
002	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/06 - 12/15/06					
003	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	3,200	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/07 - 01/15/07					
004	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
005	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	400	_____
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,200	

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DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/07 - 01/31/07					
006	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
007	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/01/07 - 02/15/07					
008	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/07 - 02/28/07					
009	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/07 - 03/31/07					
010	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 19,200

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Contracting Officer

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