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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-300 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: May 10, 2007

Canned Fruit, Announcement FV-300, Invitation 176

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell canned fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in needy family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central Time, Tuesday, May 15, 2007.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Thursday, May 17, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from June 1, 2007 to June 30, 2007.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Canned Applesauce	24/#300	16,200 cases

This invitation is to provide USDA commodities to the victims that were affected by severe agricultural freeze in California. Since there is a great need to deliver the product as soon as possible, delivery timeframes on this invitation will begin immediately. **If you are unable to meet the early delivery periods, do not bid on them.** Inspection issues resulting from the need to deliver product quickly will be handled by Commodity Procurement Branch on a case by case basis. **Please note, it's the vendor's responsibility to have timely deliveries and to deliver good quality and condition of the product.**

No offers will be made to 8a 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.

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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-300, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Canned 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 basis, subject to Announcement FV-300, 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 single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV300
INVITATION : 176
COMM GROUP : 30 FRUIT, CANNED
COMM TYPE : 11 APPLESAUCE, CANNED
PACK SIZE : 24 24/#300 CAN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 06/01/07 - 06/15/07					
001	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	4,860	_____
002	KANSAS CITY	MO	TRUCK ONLY	1,620	_____
003	SYRACUSE	NY		3,240	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 06/16/07 - 06/30/07					
004	BAKERSFIELD	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,620	_____
005	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	3,240	_____
006	SYRACUSE	NY		1,620	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				16,200	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				16,200	

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Contracting Officer

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