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Washington, DC
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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: June 4, 2007

Fresh Vegetables, Announcement FV-314, Invitation 012

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh tomatoes as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in Child Nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, **Monday, June 11, 2007**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, June 18, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from July 9 - 25, 2007.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Fresh Tomatoes	25 lb ctn	108,800 cases
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Specifications:

- a. U.S Combination Grade with at least 85% U.S. No. 1 quality.
- b. The tomatoes shall be 5x6 (Florida size). In instances where the tomatoes were not packed to an "official" size, a minimum diameter of 2 25/32 inches will be required.
- c. A minimum of 80% of the tomatoes in the lot must be either Turning or Pink.
- d. Inspection will be at the destination. It is the contractor's responsibility to arrange for the inspection.

Vendors or its subcontractors/suppliers who are supplying fresh tomatoes are required to undergo the USDA AMS FVP Fresh Products Branch Good Handling Practices (GHP) certification process and must be completed within 12 months or within 10 business days after award of the contract. Vendors or its subcontractors/suppliers must pass the minimum score of 80% for each of the following elements: House Packing; Storage and Transportation; and Traceback. A negative response to questions 1 and 2 in the "General Questions" section shall result in an automatic unsatisfactory rating. Failure to obtain GHP certification within the prescribed timeframe will result in the bidder to be deemed non responsive, and the contract terminated for default. Brokers are exempt from this requirement.



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.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV314
 INVITATION : 012
 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)
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/09/07 - 07/11/07					
001	AUBURN	ME	TRUCK ONLY	640	
	AUGUSTA	ME	TRUCK ONLY	960	
002	EAST SYRACUSE	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
003	LATHAM	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
004	EWING	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	100	
	HILLSIDE	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	1,388	
	PHILLIPSBURG	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	112	
005	NEPTUNE	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	816	
	PENNSAUKEN	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	784	
006	LORTON	VA	TRUCK ONLY	800	
	SALEM	VA	TRUCK ONLY	800	
007	NEWPORT NEWS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	800	
	NORFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	800	
008	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
009	LEXINGTON	KY	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
010	JACKSON	MS	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
011	ST CHARLES	IL	TRUCK ONLY	800	
	URBANA	IL	TRUCK ONLY	800	
012	BATTLE CREEK	MI	TRUCK ONLY	400	
	COMSTOCK PARK	MI	TRUCK ONLY	800	
	LANSING	MI	TRUCK ONLY	400	
013	DETROIT	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
014	FLINT	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
015	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
016	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
017	TULSA	OK	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
018	AMARILLO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	800	
	LUBBOCK	TX	TRUCK ONLY	800	
019	AUSTIN	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
020	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
021	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	

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022	MCALLEN	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
023	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
024	TYLER	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
025	MILLS	WY	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
026	BAKERSFIELD	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
027	LONG BEACH	CA	TRUCK ONLY	3,200	_____
028	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
029	OXNARD	CA	TRUCK ONLY	800	_____
	SAN BERNARDINO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	800	_____
030	SAN DIEGO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
031	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
032	BOISE	ID	TRUCK ONLY	534	_____
	COEUR D'ALENE	ID	TRUCK ONLY	533	_____
	LEWISTON	ID	TRUCK ONLY	533	_____
033	PORTLAND	OR	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/16/07 - 07/18/07					
034	DELAWARE CITY	DE	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
035	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
036	FORT WORTH	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
037	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	3,200	_____
038	ODESSA	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
039	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	4,800	_____
040	KANSAS CITY	MO	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
041	LONG BEACH	CA	TRUCK ONLY	3,200	_____
042	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
043	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
044	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
045	SAN JOSE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 07/23/07 - 07/25/07					
046	LATHAM	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
047	JACKSONVILLE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	800	
	LAND O'LAKES	FL	TRUCK ONLY	400	
	NORTH MIAMI	FL	TRUCK ONLY	400	
048	EDGEWOOD	KY	TRUCK ONLY	400	
	LEXINGTON	KY	TRUCK ONLY	1,200	
049	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
050	AUSTIN	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
051	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	3,200	
052	AMARILLO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	800	
	LUBBOCK	TX	TRUCK ONLY	800	
053	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
054	TYLER	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
055	LONG BEACH	CA	TRUCK ONLY	3,200	
056	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
057	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	3,200	
058	OXNARD	CA	TRUCK ONLY	800	
	SAN BERNARDINO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	800	
059	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
060	PORTLAND	OR	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				108,800	
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 Contracting Officer

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