

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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Service

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OFFER TO BUY: Frozen Strawberries and Apricots

The Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase frozen strawberries and apricots for donation to the Child Nutrition Program in fiscal year 2008, according to Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The anticipated purchases will be made from offers that must be submitted on a delivered-to-destination price basis. Deliveries will be required during the period of November 16, 2007 through April 30, 2008.

Products, container sizes, and approximate quantities sought are as follows:

| PRODUCT | CONTAINER SIZE | U.S. GRADE | NO. CASES |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Frozen Strawberries, Slc | 30 lb. | A | 15,840 |
| Frozen Strawberries, IQF | 30 lb. | A | 15,840 |
| Frozen Strawberries, Cups | 4.5 oz. | A | 134,400 |
| Canned Apricots | 6/#10 | B | 13,680 |
| Canned Apricots, Diced | 6/#10 | B | 8,208 |
| Frozen Apricots | 20 lb. | A | 7,600 |
| Frozen Apricots, Cups | 4.5 oz. | A | 18,200 |

Note: Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for **FY 2008**. The government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment that may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

PLEASE NOTE: This announcement does not commit USDA to purchase specific quantities or particular products. The quantities described in this **FOOD PURCHASE REPORT** are estimates and are intended to provide only general notice of USDA purchasing plans. Those plans are subject to change. Actual purchases will depend upon prices and quantities offered as well as possible adjustments in user requirements.

Invitations to bid, including final details and specifications, will be sent to processors. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Invitation to Bid. **All bids must be submitted using the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES). Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive.**

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. Room 1406 - South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4517 or our Internet Site: www.ams.usda.gov/cp.