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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-307

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: July 11, 2007

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 043

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the Child Nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1:00 p.m., Central time, Wednesday, July 25, 2007**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, August 8, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from January 1, 2008 through January 31, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

**Dried Cherries                      4/4 lb.                      1,848 cases**

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

**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.

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.



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-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 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 to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-307, 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 a single asterisk.**

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV307  
INVITATION : 043  
COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED  
COMM TYPE : 70 CHERRIES, DRIED  
PACK SIZE : 11 4/4 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/08 - 01/31/08					
001	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				1,848	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				1,848	



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Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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