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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-302 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: August 10, 2007

Canned Vegetables, Announcement FV-302, Invitation 112

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell canned vegetables 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, Tuesday, September 4, 2007.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 21, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from November 16, 2007 through March 31, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Sweet Potatoes, Syrup	6/#10	10,032 cases

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 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.

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.

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-302; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetables dated April 2004, as amended; 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-302, 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 : FV302
INVITATION : 112
COMM GROUP : 36 VEGETABLES, CANNED
COMM TYPE : 40 SWEET POTATOES, SYRUP, CANNED
PACK SIZE : 60 6/#10 CAN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/07 - 11/30/07					
001	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	95	_____
	LEXINGTON	SC		817	
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/07 - 12/15/07					
002	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/08 - 01/15/08					
003	BALTIMORE	MD	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
004	NORFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	442	_____
	SUFFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	470	
005	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/08 - 01/31/08					
006	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	376	_____
	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	536	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/08 - 02/29/08					
007	DOUGLAS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
008	FAIRBURN	GA	TRUCK ONLY	456	_____
	LOUISVILLE	TN	TRUCK ONLY	456	
009	AMERICUS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	554	_____
	MACON	GA	TRUCK ONLY	358	
010	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/08 - 03/31/08					
011	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	320	_____
	NORFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	200	
	SUFFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	392	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 10,032

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