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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-308 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: September 4, 2006

Dehydrated Potatoes, Announcement FV-308, Invitation 020

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dehydrated potatoes as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in Needy Family and related domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, **Wednesday, September 12, 2007**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 20, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from October 16, 2007 through October 31, 2007.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dehydrated Potatoes, Flakes	12/1 lb	35,000 cases

No offer will be made to the 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 the special markings 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.

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Bidders are cautioned to bid only on quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-308, Appendix-1, and the Commodity Specification for Dehydrated Potatoes dated May 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 20250-9410, 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-308, 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 : FV308
INVITATION : 020
COMM GROUP : 37 VEGETABLES, DEHYDRATED
COMM TYPE : 10 POTATOES, FLAKES, DEHYDRATED
PACK SIZE : 10 12/1 LB PACKAGE

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/07 - 10/31/07					
001	GALLUP	NM	TRUCK ONLY	2,500	_____
002	CARTHAGE	MO	TRUCK ONLY	12,500	_____
003	KANSAS CITY	MO	TRUCK ONLY	12,500	_____
004	HELENA	MT	TRUCK ONLY	2,500	_____
005	FARGO	ND	TRUCK ONLY	2,500	_____
006	PINE RIDGE	SD	TRUCK ONLY	2,500	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				35,000	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				35,000	

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Contracting Officer
Commodity Procurement Branch
Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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