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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-301 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: September 5, 2007

Frozen Fruit, Announcement FV-301, Invitation 071

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central time, Friday, September 21, 2007.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, October 18, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from November 16, 2007 through April 30, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Frozen Blueberries (Native)	**30 lb.**	**25,080 cases**
Frozen Blueberries(Cultivated)	**30 lb.**	**7,920 cases**

No offers 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.

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 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-301, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Fruit dated April 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-301, 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 : FV301
INVITATION : 071
COMM GROUP : 31 FRUIT, FROZEN
COMM TYPE : 20 BLUEBERRIES, NATIVE FROZEN
PACK SIZE : 30 30 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/07 - 11/30/07					
001	CHICOPEE	MA	TRUCK ONLY	660	_____
	TAUNTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	660	
002	CHICOPEE	MA	TRUCK ONLY	660	_____
	WILMINGTON	MA		660	
003	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	2,640	_____
004	LEXINGTON	SC		1,320	_____
005	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	702	_____
	LEXINGTON	SC		618	
006	GRANITE CITY	IL		1,320	_____
007	CLEVELAND	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
008	DAYTON	OH		2,640	_____
009	OBETZ	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/07 - 12/15/07					
010	TAUNTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
011	WILMINGTON	MA		1,320	_____
012	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	452	_____
	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	868	
013	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	700	_____
	LEXINGTON	SC		620	
014	NAMPA	ID		1,320	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/08 - 01/15/08					
015	PUYALLUP	WA		2,640	_____
016	SPOKANE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 25,080

COMM TYPE : 21 BLUEBERRIES, CULTIVATED, FRZN
PACK SIZE : 30 30 LB CTN

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DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/07 - 12/15/07					
017	ROCKY HILL	CT	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/08 - 01/31/08					
018	PUEBLO WEST	CO	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/08 - 02/29/08					
019	MCALESTER	OK		2,640	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/01/08 - 03/15/08					
020	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 04/16/08 - 04/30/08					
021	HELENA	MT	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 7,920

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 33,000

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Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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