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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-311

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

This invitation is for Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Set-Aside only, see FAR 52.219-27 Notice of Total Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Set-Aside.

Date Issued: September 14, 2007

Fresh Apples, Announcement FV-311, Invitation 025

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition program and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due **by 1 p.m., Central Time, Friday, September 28, 2007**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, October 12, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from March 3, 2008 through April 30, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Fresh Apples 37/40 lb. (cartons to a shipping container) 9,240 cases

- All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.
- No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.
- 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-311, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh 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 basis, subject to Announcement FV-311, 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 single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV311
 INVITATION : 025
 COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH

PREFERENCE
 CODES: E -EMPIRE
 RD-RED DELICIOUS
 M -MCINTOSH
 G -GALA
 B -BRAEBURN
 GS-GRANNY SMITH
 F -FUJI
 GD-GOLDEN DELICI
 IR-IDA RED
 NP-NEWTOWN PIPPN

COMM TYPE : 10 APPLES, FRESH
 PACK SIZE : 10 37/40 LB CARTON

ITEM NO	DESTINATION		TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)	PREFERENCE		
	CITY	ST				1	2	3
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/03/08 - 03/05/08								
001	YORKVILLE	NY	TRUCK ONLY	924		E	RD	M**
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/24/08 - 03/26/08								
002	CENTRAL ISLIP	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,848		E	RD	M**
003	PORT NEWARK	NJ		924		E	G	B
004	VINELAND	NJ		924		E	G	B
005	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	924		RD	GS	F
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/14/08 - 04/16/08								
006	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	924		GD	RD	M*
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/21/08 - 04/23/08								
007	PORT NEWARK	NJ		462		IR	RD	GD*
	VINELAND	NJ		440				
	VINELAND	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	22				
008	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	101		RD	GD	NP
	LEXINGTON	SC		823				

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DELIVERY PERIOD 04/28/08 - 04/30/08

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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 9,240

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David Tuckwiller
 Contracting Officer

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