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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-316

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: February 5, 2008

Fresh Citrus, Announcement FV-316, Invitation 009

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh citrus as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central Time, Tuesday, February 19, 2008**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Tuesday, March 4, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from March 23, 2008 through June 24, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for 19,494 cases of fresh oranges in cartons to a shipping container.

**Vendors or its subcontractors/suppliers who are supplying fresh oranges are required to undergo the USDA AMS FVP Fresh Products Branch Good Agricultural Practices and Good Handling Practices (GAP & GHP) certifications process, and must be completed within 12 months or within 10 business days after award of the contract. Vendors or its subcontractors/suppliers must pass the minimum score of 80% for each of the following elements: House Packing; Storage and Transportation; and Traceback. A negative response to questions 1 and 2 in the "General Questions" section shall result in an automatic unsatisfactory rating. Failure to obtain GAP & GHP certifications within the prescribed timeframe will result in the bidder to be deemed non responsive, and the contract terminated for default. Brokers are exempt from this requirement.**

**The Fresh Produce Audit Verification Program can be accessed at the following website:**

**<http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbgapghp.htm>**

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-316 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-316, 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 : FV316  
 INVITATION : 009  
 COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH  
 COMM TYPE : 40 ORANGES, FRESH  
 PACK SIZE : 36 34-39 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 03/23/08 - 03/25/08

001	CRANSTON	RI	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
002	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
003	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	717	_____
	SUFFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	309	_____
004	COLUMBIA	SC	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
005	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	115	_____
	LEXINGTON	SC		911	_____
006	ST PAUL	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____

DELIVERY PERIOD 03/30/08 - 04/01/08

007	JOHNSON CITY	TN	TRUCK ONLY	627	_____
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	399	_____
008	NORFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	200	_____
	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	826	_____

DELIVERY PERIOD 04/06/08 - 04/08/08

009	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	761	_____
	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	265	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 04/13/08 - 04/15/08

010	JOHNSON CITY	TN	TRUCK ONLY	337	
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	689	

011	ST PAUL	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	
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DELIVERY PERIOD 04/20/08 - 04/22/08

012	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	808	
	NORFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	100	
	SUFFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	118	

013	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	205	
	LEXINGTON	SC		821	

DELIVERY PERIOD 05/04/08 - 05/06/08

014	ST PAUL	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	
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DELIVERY PERIOD 05/18/08 - 05/20/08

015	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	122	
	LEXINGTON	SC		904	

DELIVERY PERIOD 05/25/08 - 05/27/08

016	COLUMBIA	SC	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	
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DELIVERY PERIOD 06/08/08 - 06/10/08

017	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	2,052	
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DELIVERY PERIOD 06/22/08 - 06/24/08

018	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	
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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 19,494

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 Commodity Procurement Branch  
 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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