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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: February 20, 2008

Frozen Fruit, Announcement FV-301, Invitation 078

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, March 7, 2008**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, March 24, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from July 1, 2008 through November 15, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Frozen Apricots - cups	4.5 oz.	19,600 cases
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**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 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.

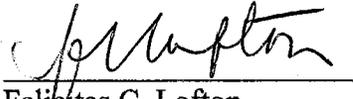
**Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.**

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV301  
 INVITATION : 078  
 COMM GROUP : 31 FRUIT, FROZEN  
 COMM TYPE : 62 APRICOT CUPS, FROZEN  
 PACK SIZE : 26 96/4.5 OZ CUPS

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/01/08 - 07/15/08					
001	JACKSON	MS	TRUCK ONLY	2,800	_____
002	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,400	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/16/08 - 07/31/08					
003	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,400	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/08 - 09/15/08					
004	MCALESTER	OK		1,400	_____
005	BAKERSFIELD	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,400	_____
006	COMMERCE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	350	_____
	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,050	_____
007	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,400	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/16/08 - 09/30/08					
008	AMERICUS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,049	_____
	MACON	GA	TRUCK ONLY	351	_____
009	CLEVELAND	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,130	_____
	LOUISVILLE	TN	TRUCK ONLY	270	_____
010	COLLEGE PARK	GA		636	_____
	DOUGLASVILLE	GA	TRUCK ONLY	319	_____
	FAIRBURN	GA	TRUCK ONLY	445	_____
011	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,400	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/08 - 10/31/08					
012	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,400	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/08 - 11/15/08					
013	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,400	_____
<b>TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE</b>				<b>19,600</b>	
<b>TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION</b>				<b>19,600</b>	



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 Commodity Procurement Branch  
 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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