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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-307

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: February 22, 2008

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 056

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the needy family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1:00 p.m., Central time, Monday, March 10, 2008**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, March 31, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from July 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dried Cherries	8/2 lb.	49,896 cases
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No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2007 and/or later crop year.

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-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 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-307, 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 : FV307
 INVITATION : 056
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
 COMM TYPE : 70 CHERRIES, DRIED
 PACK SIZE : 10 8/2 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/01/08 - 07/15/08					
001	AUGUSTA	ME	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	EAST HAVEN	CT	TRUCK ONLY	924	
002	BRONX	NY	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____ **
	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	924	
	HAUPPAUGE	NY	TRUCK ONLY	462	
003	BRONX	NY	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____ **
	EAST SYRACUSE	NY	TRUCK ONLY	462	
	LATHAM	NY	TRUCK ONLY	462	
004	BARRE	VT	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	CRANSTON	RI	TRUCK ONLY	924	
005	COLUMBIA	SC	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
006	CHATTANOOGA	TN	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	GRAY	TN	TRUCK ONLY	924	
007	CLEVELAND	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
008	HELENA	MT	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	SALT LAKE CITY	UT	TRUCK ONLY	924	
009	OLYMPIA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	558	_____
	SEATTLE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	860	
	TACOMA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	430	

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DELIVERY PERIOD 07/16/08 - 07/31/08					
010	JACKSON	MS	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
011	MAPLEWOOD	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
012	DARIEN	WI	TRUCK ONLY	738	_____
	EAU CLAIRE	WI		670	_____
	MILWAUKEE	WI	TRUCK ONLY	440	_____
013	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
014	OLYMPIA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	1,233	_____
	SPOKANE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	355	_____
	YAKIMA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	260	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/01/08 - 08/15/08					
015	BOSTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
016	BRONX	NY	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____ **
	BUFFALO	NY	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____
	ROCHESTER	NY	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____
017	CHARLESTON	WV		1,848	_____
018	BATTLE CREEK	MI	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____
	WARREN	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,386	_____
019	AUSTIN	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____

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020	DELAWARE CITY	DE	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	WASHINGTON	DC	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
021	VINELAND	NJ		1,848	_____
022	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
023	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	647	_____
	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,201	_____
024	CINCINNATI	OH	TRUCK ONLY	647	_____
	FAIRFIELD	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,201	_____
025	AMARILLO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	702	_____
	LUBBOCK	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,146	_____
026	TYLER	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
027	DES MOINES	IA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	LINCOLN	NE		924	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				49,896	
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