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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 25, 2008

Frozen Fruit, Announcement FV-301, Invitation 079

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, Wednesday March 12, 2008**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, March 28, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from May 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Frozen RTP 5+1 Cherries	30-lb. plastic containers	7,680 cases
Frozen RTP, IQF Cherries	40-lb.	8,640 cases

No offer 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-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 : 079
 COMM GROUP : 31 FRUIT, FROZEN
 COMM TYPE : 08 CHERRIES, RTP, 5+1, FRZ
 PACK SIZE : 30 30 LB PLASTIC CONTAINER

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 05/01/08 - 05/15/08					
001	BRIGHTON	MI	TRUCK ONLY	580	_____
	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	700	_____
002	COLUMBUS	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,280	_____
003	CLOVIS	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,280	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 05/16/08 - 05/31/08					
004	CONCORDIA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	1,280	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 06/16/08 - 06/30/08					
005	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	1,280	_____
006	CLOVIS	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,280	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				7,680	

COMM TYPE : 09 CHERRIES, RED TART PITTED, IQF
 PACK SIZE : 40 40 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 05/01/08 - 05/15/08					
007	JACKSONVILLE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	960	_____
008	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	2,880	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 05/01/08 - 05/15/08

009	BRIGHTON	MI	TRUCK ONLY	720	_____
	GRAND RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	240	

010	CONCORDIA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	960	_____
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DELIVERY PERIOD 05/16/08 - 05/31/08

011	SALT LAKE CITY	UT	TRUCK ONLY	1,920	_____
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DELIVERY PERIOD 06/16/08 - 06/30/08

012	ST MARTINVILLE	LA	TRUCK ONLY	960	_____
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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 8,640

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 16,320



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 Commodity Procurement Branch
 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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