



Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Appendix I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certification 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.

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FV-304

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

This Invitation is for Small Business Set-Aside only; see FAR 52.219-6 Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside.

Date Issued: April 23, 2008

Canned Dried Beans, Announcement FV-304, Invitation 041

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell canned dried beans as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the needy family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Wednesday, May 7, 2008. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, May 21, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from July 1, 2008 – September 15, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Refried Beans	24/#300 can	4,590 cases
Vegetarian Beans	24/#300 can	9,180 cases
Blackeye Beans	24/#300 can	4,590 cases
Lt. Red Kidney Beans	24/#300 can	6,120 cases

“Sodium content of Canned Dried Beans, except for refried beans, must contain 140 mg per serving (defined as ½ cup). This applies to 24/300 cans only.”

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 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-304, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Canned Dried Beans, 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-304, 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 : FV304
INVITATION : 041
COMM GROUP : 41 BEANS, DRIED, CANNED
COMM TYPE : 12 BEANS, REFRIED, CANNED
PACK SIZE : 30 24/#300 CAN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/01/08 - 07/15/08					
001	MILLS	WY	TRUCK ONLY	1,530	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/01/08 - 08/15/08					
002	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	TRUCK ONLY	1,530	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/08 - 09/15/08					
003	FAIRFIELD	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,530	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				4,590	

COMM TYPE : 13 BEANS, VEGETARIAN, CANNED
PACK SIZE : 30 24/#300 CAN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/01/08 - 07/15/08					
004	COLUMBUS	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,530	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/16/08 - 07/31/08					
005	LONG BEACH	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,530	_____

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV304
 INVITATION : 041
 COMM GROUP : 41 BEANS, DRIED, CANNED
 COMM TYPE : 13 BEANS, VEGETARIAN, CANNED
 PACK SIZE : 30 24/#300 CAN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 08/01/08 - 08/15/08

006	BARRE	VT	TRUCK ONLY	1,530	_____
007	COLUMBUS	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,530	_____

DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/08 - 09/15/08

008	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,530	_____
009	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,530	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 9,180

COMM TYPE : 18 BEANS, BLACK EYE, CANNED
PACK SIZE : 18 24/#300

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DELIVERY PERIOD 07/16/08 - 07/31/08

010	JACKSON	MS	TRUCK ONLY	1,530	_____
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DELIVERY PERIOD 08/01/08 - 08/15/08

011	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,530	_____
012	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,530	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 4,590

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV304
 INVITATION : 041
 COMM GROUP : 41 BEANS, DRIED, CANNED
COMM TYPE : 22 BEANS, LT RED KIDNEY, CANNED
PACK SIZE : 24 24/#300 CAN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/01/08 - 07/15/08					
013	ALEXANDRIA	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,530	_____
014	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,530	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/16/08 - 07/31/08					
015	EAST SYRACUSE	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,530	_____ **
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/08 - 09/15/08					
016	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,530	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				6,120	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				24,480	


 Felicitas C. Lofton
 Contracting Officer

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