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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.

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

FV-300 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: April 24, 2008

Canned Fruit, Announcement FV-300, Invitation 232

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell canned fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition program and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central Time, Thursday, May 8, 2008.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, May 22, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from October 1, 2008 to November 15, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Canned Cherries	6/#10	6,384 cases

No 8a offers will be made to 8a 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.

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Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-300, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Canned 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-300, 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 : FV300
INVITATION : 232
COMM GROUP : 30 FRUIT, CANNED
COMM TYPE : 40 CHERRIES, RED TART PITTED, CND
PACK SIZE : 60 6/#10 CAN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/08 - 10/15/08					
001	JOHNSON CITY	TN	TRUCK ONLY	76	_____
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	557	
	SUFFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	279	
002	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	805	_____
	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	107	
003	EMMETT	ID		912	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/08 - 10/31/08					
004	CHARLESTON	WV		1,824	_____
005	MCALESTER	OK		912	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/08 - 11/15/08					
006	GRANITE CITY	IL		912	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 6,384

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 6,384

Michelle Warren
Contracting Officer

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