FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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OFFER TO BUY: Canned Tomato Products

The Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase canned tomato products for donation to the Child Nutrition Programs in fiscal year 2008, according to Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The anticipated purchases will be made from offers that must be submitted on a delivered-to-destination price basis. Deliveries will be required during the period of August 30, 2008 through November 15, 2008.

Products, container sizes, and approximate quantities sought are as follows:

PRODUCT	CONTAINER SIZE	U.S. GRADE	NO. CASES
Canned Salsa	6/#10	Per C.I.D.	99,408
Canned Spaghetti Sauce	6/#10	Per C.I.D	107,251
Canned Tomato Paste	6/#10	A	33,744
Canned Tomato Sauce	6/#10	A	41,952
Canned Tomatoes, Diced	6/#10	B	56,544
Tomato Paste, Drums	55 gallon	A	1,584
Tomato Paste, Bulk	Totes	A	826

PLEASE NOTE: This announcement does not commit USDA to purchase specific quantities or particular products. The quantities described in this FOOD PURCHASE REPORT are estimates and are intended to provide only general notice of USDA purchasing plans. Those plans are subject to change. Actual purchases will depend upon prices and quantities offered as well as possible adjustments in user requirements.

Invitations to bid, including final details and specifications, will be sent to processors. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Invitation to Bid. **All bids must be submitted using the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES). Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive.**

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. Room 1406 - South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4517 or our Internet Site: www.ams.usda.gov/cp.