United States Department of Agriculture

Marketing and Regulatory Programs

Agricultural Marketing Service

Washington, DC 20250

**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 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 Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Set-Aside only, see FAR 52.219-27 Notice of Total Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Set-Aside.**

FV-302 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: May 29, 2008

Canned Vegetables, Announcement FV-302, Invitation 140

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell canned vegetables as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. **Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Wednesday, June 11, 2008.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, June 25, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from August 16, 2008 through October 31, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Tomato Paste | 6/#10 can | 10,032 cases |

**Destinations with split shipments that are unspecified on the invitation are indicated by a single asterisk (*).**

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-302; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetables dated April 2004, as amended; 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 20250-0239, 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 of the commodities listed below will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-302, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV302
INVITATION : 140
COMM GROUP : 36 VEGETABLES, CANNED
COMM TYPE : 72 TOMATO PASTE
PACK SIZE : 61 6/#10 CAN

| ITEM NO | DESTINATION CITY | ST | TRANS RESTR | QUANTITY (CSE) | PRICE PER (CSE) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **DELIVERY PERIOD 08/16/08 - 08/31/08** | | | | | |
| 001 | ALTOONA | PA | TRUCK ONLY | 912 | _____ |
| 002 | JACKSONVILLE | FL | TRUCK ONLY | 912 | _____ |
| 003 | WINTER HAVEN | FL | | 912 | _____ |
| 004 | NEWPORT | MN | | 912 | _____ |
| **DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/08 - 09/15/08** | | | | | |
| 005 | CREEDMOOR | NC | TRUCK ONLY | 912 | _____ |
| 006 | SAN ANTONIO | TX | TRUCK ONLY | 912 | _____ |
| 007 | EMMETT | ID | | 912 | _____ |
| **DELIVERY PERIOD 09/16/08 - 09/30/08** | | | | | |
| 008 | GRAND PRAIRIE | TX | TRUCK ONLY | 912 | _____ |
| **DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/08 - 10/15/08** | | | | | |
| 009 | BERKELEY | IL | TRUCK ONLY | 912 | _____ |

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV302
INVITATION : 140
COMM GROUP : 36 VEGETABLES, CANNED
COMM TYPE : 72 TOMATO PASTE
PACK SIZE : 61 6/#10 CAN

| ITEM NO | DESTINATION CITY | ST | TRANS RESTR | QUANTITY (CSE) | PRICE PER (CSE) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/08 - 10/31/08** | | | | | |
| 010 | LAUREL | MD | TRUCK ONLY | 912 | _____ |
| 011 | SAN ANTONIO | TX | TRUCK ONLY | 912 | _____ |

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 10,032

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 10,032

Felicitas C. Lofton
Contracting Officer

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.