



**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.**

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Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 059

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried 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, Tuesday, July 1, 2008**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, July 16, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from September 15, 2008 through November 15, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

<b>Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins</b>	<b>144/1.33 oz. box</b>	<b>53,352 cases</b>
<b>Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins</b>	<b>30 lb</b>	<b>1,380 cases</b>
<b>Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins</b>	<b>24/15 oz. pkg.</b>	<b>1,728 cases</b>

**No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.**

**Note:** The raisins purchased under this invitation must be Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins as defined in the U.S. Standards Type (I) - Seedless Raisins (1) Natural or (2) Vine-dried (DOV).

The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2007-08 or later crop year of Natural (sun-dried) Seedless raisins which have not been reconditioned by washing and drying.

**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 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-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 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-307, 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 : FV307**

**INVITATION : 059**  
**COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED**  
**COMM TYPE : 40 RAISINS**  
**PACK SIZE : 20 144/1.33 OZ BOX**

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/08 - 09/15/08					
001	CHICOPEE TAUNTON	MA MA	TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY	1,482 1,482	_____
002	WILMINGTON WORCESTER	MA MA		2,223 741	_____
003	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
004	CAMDEN VINELAND VINELAND	NJ NJ NJ	TRUCK ONLY  TRUCK ONLY	75 2,824 65	_____
005	CREEDMOOR SALISBURY	NC NC	TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY	2,545 419	_____
006	JOHNSON CITY MADISON HEIGHTS RICHMOND	TN VA VA	TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY	111 2,137 716	_____
007	BOLINGBROOK	IL	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
008	COMMERCE LOS ANGELES	CA CA	TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY	741 2,223	_____
009	CORDELIA SACRAMENTO	CA CA	TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY	1,482 1,482	_____
010	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
011	KENT SPOKANE	WA WA		2,075 889	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 09/16/08 - 09/30/08

012	COLUMBUS	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,126	_____
	DAYTON	OH		1,838	

013	SIOUX FALLS	SD		2,964	_____
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014	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
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015	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
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DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/08 - 10/31/08

016	ROCKY HILL	CT	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
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DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/08 - 11/15/08

017	CORINTH	MS	TRUCK ONLY	200	_____
	LAUREL	MS	TRUCK ONLY	2,764	

018	BOLINGBROOK	IL	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
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**COMM TYPE : 40 RAISINS**  
**PACK SIZE : 30 30 LB CTN**

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DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/08 - 10/15/08

019	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,380	_____
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 INVITATION : 059  
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED  
 COMM TYPE : 40 RAISINS  
 PACK SIZE : 50 24/15 OZ PKG

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DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/08 - 10/31/08

020	COMMERCE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	571	
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,157	

**TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 56,460**

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 Commodity Procurement Branch  
 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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