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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.

FV-309

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: August 5, 2008

Dry Edible Beans, Peas, and Lentils, Announcement FV-309, Invitation 040

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dry edible beans, peas, and lentils 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, Monday, August 25, 2008.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Monday, September 8, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from November 16, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dry Beans, Pinto	25 lb bags	14,400 cases
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Note: Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for FY 2009. The government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment that may arise until the funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

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

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-309; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specification for Dry, Edible Beans, Peas and Lentils, 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 20250-0239, 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-309, 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.

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this Announcement has been changed to 424510, with a small business standard of 500 employees.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV309
 INVITATION : 040
 COMM GROUP : 42 LEGUMES, DRY
COMM TYPE : 30 BEANS, PINTO, DRY
PACK SIZE : 25 25 LB BAG

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/08 - 11/30/08					
001	HOUSTON		TX TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
002	SAN ANTONIO		TX TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/09 - 01/15/09					
003	EL PASO		TX TRUCK ONLY	880	_____
	LUBBOCK		TX	720	_____
004	SAN ANTONIO		TX TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/09 - 01/31/09					
005	GRAND PRAIRIE		TX TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
006	HOUSTON		TX TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
007	SAN ANTONIO		TX TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____*
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/09 - 02/28/09					
008	SAN ANTONIO		TX TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/09 - 03/31/09					
009	SAN ANTONIO		TX TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				14,400	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				14,400	


 Felicitas Lofton
 Contracting Officer

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