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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.

FV-316

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: August 19, 2008

Fresh Fruit, Announcement FV-316, Invitation 010

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh fruit 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, August 27, 2008.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, September 5, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from September 29, 2008 through November 12, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for

Fresh Oranges 34/39 lb. (cartons to a shipping container) 19,494 cases

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh oranges are required to undergo the USDA AMS FVP Fresh Products Branch Good Handling Practices (GHP) certifications process, and must score at least 80% on each of the following elements: House Packing; Storage and Transportation; and Traceback, prior to the submission of bids. Brokers are exempt from this requirement.

In addition to the GHP, vendors or subcontractors/suppliers are also required to undergo the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) certification process. Vendors will be required to submit a list of the growers they will potentially use for the fresh oranges with their bids. USDA's Fresh Products Branch will schedule and ensure that Federal or State inspectors provide an informational audit to those growers to explain where improvements need to be made to pass the USDA GAP audit.

The following statements will result in an immediate failure of the GAP requirement.

- **An immediate food safety risk is present when produce is grown, processed, packed, or held under conditions that promote or cause the produce to become contaminated.**
- **The presence or evidence of rodents, and excessive amounts of insects or other pests in the produce during packing, processing, or storage.**
- **Observation of employee practices (personal or hygienic) that have jeopardized or may jeopardize the safety of the produce.**
- **Falsification of records.**

USDA will pay for these inspections from program funds.

**The Fresh Produce Audit Verification Program can be accessed at the following website:
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbgapghp.htm>**

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

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

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?](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-311, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh 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-311, 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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV316
 INVITATION : 010
 COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH
COMM TYPE : 40 ORANGES, FRESH
PACK SIZE : 36 34-39 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/29/08 - 10/01/08					
001	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*
002	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*
003	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*
004	NEWPORT	MN		2,052	_____
005	COMMERCE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	257	_____
	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	769	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/06/08 - 10/08/08					
006	BERKELEY	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
007	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*
008	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/13/08 - 10/15/08					
009	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	258	_____
	LEXINGTON	SC		768	_____
010	BERKELEY	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
011	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*
012	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/20/08 - 10/22/08					
013	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*
014	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/27/08 - 10/29/08					
015	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*
016	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/03/08 - 11/05/08					
017	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*

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DELIVERY PERIOD 11/10/08 - 11/12/08					
018	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				19,494	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				19,494	


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 Contracting Officer

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