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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 21, 2008

Fresh Fruit, Announcement FV-316, Invitation 011

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh citrus 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, Thursday, September 4, 2008.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Thursday, September 18, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from November 17, 2008 through April 1, 2009.

Offers are invited from the trade for

Fresh Oranges 34/39 lb. (cartons to a shipping container) 15,390 cases

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.

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?> 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 : 011
 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 11/17/08 - 11/19/08					
001	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____*
002	NEWPORT	MN		2,052	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/08/08 - 12/10/08					
003	NEWPORT	MN		1,026	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/05/09 - 01/07/09					
004	NEWPORT	MN		1,026	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/19/09 - 01/21/09					
005	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	296	_____
	LEXINGTON	SC		730	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/26/09 - 01/28/09					
006	JOHNSON CITY	TN	TRUCK ONLY	379	_____
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	647	_____
007	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	454	_____
	SUFFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	572	_____
008	NEWPORT	MN		1,026	_____
009	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/09/09 - 02/11/09					
010	NEWPORT	MN		1,026	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/23/09 - 02/25/09					
011	CRANSTON	RI	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/02/09 - 03/04/09					
012	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	565	_____
	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	461	_____
013	NEWPORT	MN		1,026	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 03/30/09 - 04/01/09

014	NEWPORT	MN		1,026	
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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 15,390

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 Felicitas Lofton
 Contracting Officer

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