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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.

FV-307

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: August 25, 2008

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 077

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the needy family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1:00 p.m., Central time, Wednesday September 10, 2008**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 29, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from November 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dried Dates	24/1 lb.	57,000 cases
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No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

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.

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

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 : 077
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
 COMM TYPE : 11 DATES, WHOLE
 PACK SIZE : 24 24/1 LB.

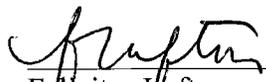
ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/08 - 11/15/08					
001	LATHAM	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____ **
002	BARRE	VT	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
	CRANSTON	RI	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
003	BALTIMORE	MD	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
004	VINELAND	NJ		1,500	_____
005	LORTON	VA	TRUCK ONLY	500	_____
	NEWPORT NEWS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	500	_____
	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	500	_____
006	SALEM	VA	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
	VERONA	VA	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
007	CHARLESTON	WV		1,500	_____
008	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,500	_____
009	ATLANTA	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
010	JACKSON	MS	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
011	WARREN	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
012	MAPLEWOOD	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
013	CINCINNATI	OH	TRUCK ONLY	525	_____
	FAIRFIELD	OH	TRUCK ONLY	975	_____
014	MILWAUKEE	WI	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
015	NEW ORLEANS	LA	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____

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	SHREVEPORT	LA	TRUCK ONLY	750	
016	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
	TULSA	OK	TRUCK ONLY	600	
017	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
	TYLER	TX	TRUCK ONLY	750	
018	CONCORDIA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
	DES MOINES	IA	TRUCK ONLY	750	
019	BRIDGETON	MO	TRUCK ONLY	625	_____
	COLUMBIA	MO	TRUCK ONLY	375	
	KANSAS CITY	MO	TRUCK ONLY	500	
020	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	3,000	_____
021	PORTLAND	OR	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/08 - 11/30/08					
022	ELIZABETHTOWN	KY	TRUCK ONLY	625	_____
	LEXINGTON	KY	TRUCK ONLY	625	
	MAYFIELD	KY	TRUCK ONLY	250	
023	COLUMBIA	SC	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
024	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,065	_____
	ST CHARLES	IL	TRUCK ONLY	435	
025	CLEVELAND	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
026	LITTLE ROCK	AR	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____*

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027	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	3,000	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/08 - 12/15/08					
028	AUGUSTA	ME	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
	EAST HAVEN	CT	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
029	VINELAND	NJ		1,500	_____
030	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
031	OLYMPIA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	976	_____
	SEATTLE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	349	_____
	TACOMA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	175	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/16/08 - 12/31/08					
032	BOSTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
033	ATLANTA	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
034	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,100	_____
	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	400	_____
035	COLORADO SPRING	CO	TRUCK ONLY	489	_____
	DENVER	CO	TRUCK ONLY	1,011	_____
036	SEATTLE WHSE (ALASKA)	WA	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				57,000	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				57,000	


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