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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 076

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 16, 2008 through November 30, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dried Cherries

8/2 lb.

11,088 cases

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 : 076
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
 COMM TYPE : 70 CHERRIES, DRIED
 PACK SIZE : 10 8/2 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/08 - 11/30/08

001	BIRMINGHAM	AL	TRUCK ONLY	497	_____
	HUNTSVILLE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	689	_____
	THEODORE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	662	_____
002	BIRMINGHAM	AL	TRUCK ONLY	841	_____
	MONTGOMERY	AL	TRUCK ONLY	1,007	_____
003	HOMESTEAD	FL	TRUCK ONLY	1,011	_____
	JACKSONVILLE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	837	_____
004	PACE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	532	_____
	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,316	_____
005	LITTLE ROCK	AR	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
006	BRIDGETON	MO	TRUCK ONLY	738	_____
	COLUMBIA	MO	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____
	DES MOINES	IA	TRUCK ONLY	648	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 11,088

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 Commodity Procurement Branch
 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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