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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.

This invitation is for Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Set-Aside only, see FAR 52.219-27 Notice of Total Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Set-Aside.

FV-302 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: August 28, 2008

Canned Vegetables, Announcement FV-302, Invitation 160

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell canned vegetables 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, September 10, 2008.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 24, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from November 16, 2008 through March 15, 2009.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Peas	6/#10 can	13,680 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 may arise until 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.

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-302; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetables dated April 2004, as amended; 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-302, 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 : FV302
INVITATION : 160
COMM GROUP : 36 VEGETABLES, CANNED
COMM TYPE : 30 PEAS, CANNED
PACK SIZE : 60 6/#10 CAN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/08 - 11/30/08					
001	AMERICUS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
002	LAUREL	MS	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
003	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/08 - 12/15/08					
004	TAUNTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
005	WORCESTER	MA		912	_____
006	GRANITE CITY	IL		1,824	_____
007	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/09 - 01/15/09					
008	COOKEVILLE	TN	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/09 - 01/31/09					
009	CALERA	AL	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/01/09 - 02/15/09					
010	LAUREL	MS	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/09 - 02/28/09					
011	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
012	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
013	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/01/09 - 03/15/09					
014	TAUNTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 13,680

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