

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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OFFER TO BUY: Canned and Dried Fruit and Canned Vegetables

The Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase fresh and dried fruit, and canned juice for donation to the Child Nutrition Programs and other Domestic Food Assistance Programs in fiscal year 2008, according to Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The anticipated purchases will be made from offers that must be submitted on a delivered-to-destination price basis. Deliveries will be required during the period of January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

Products, container sizes, and approximate quantities sought are as follows:

PRODUCT	CONTAINER SIZE	U.S. GRADE	NO. CASES
Canned Apple Slices	6/#10	A	124,032
Canned Applesauce	6/#10	A	266,304
Canned Applesauce	24/300	A	221,940
Canned Peaches, Freestone	24/300	B	179,200
Canned Green Beans	6/#10	B	237,600
Canned Green Beans	24/300	B	366,120
Canned Carrots	6/#10	A	62,016
Canned Carrots	24/300	A	265,680
Canned Peas	6/#10	B	51,072
Canned Peas	24/300	B	243,001
Dried Fruit and Nut Mix	24/1 lb.	Per USDA	50,960
Dried Fruit and Nut Mix	25 lb.	Per USDA	29,120

PLEASE NOTE: This announcement does not commit USDA to purchase specific quantities or particular products. The quantities described in this FOOD PURCHASE REPORT are estimates and are intended to provide only general notice of USDA purchasing plans. Those plans are subject to change. Actual purchases will depend upon prices and quantities offered as well as possible adjustments in user requirements.

Invitations to bid, including final details and specifications, will be sent to processors. Offers to

sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Invitation to Bid. **All bids must be submitted using the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES). Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive.**

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. Room 1406 - South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4517 or our Internet Site: www.ams.usda.gov/cp.