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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: September 18, 2008

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 079

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, Monday, September 22, 2008**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 29, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from January 1, 2009 through June 15, 2009.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dried Fruit and Nut Mix 24/1 lb. 42,224 cases

No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

Ingredients composed of the following combination in equal portions – 20 percent of each product: Dried date pieces (chopped/extruded), dried almonds, dried fig pieces, dried cherries, and Natural (sun-dried) seedless raisins (must be coated with vegetable oil).

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 (*).



Manufacturer's own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability of the product.

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 : 079
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
 COMM TYPE : 60 FRUIT AND NUT MIX, DRIED
 PACK SIZE : 20 24/1 LB

| ITEM NO | DESTINATION CITY | ST | TRANS RESTR | QUANTITY (CSE) | PRICE PER (CSE) |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|----|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/09 - 01/15/09 | | | | | |
| 001 | BUFFALO | NY | TRUCK ONLY | 1,456 | _____ ** |
| 002 | WARREN | MI | TRUCK ONLY | 885 | _____ |
| | WESTLAND | MI | TRUCK ONLY | 571 | _____ |
| 003 | SACRAMENTO | CA | TRUCK ONLY | 1,456 | _____ |
| 004 | OLYMPIA | WA | TRUCK ONLY | 971 | _____ |
| | SPOKANE | WA | TRUCK ONLY | 280 | _____ |
| | YAKIMA | WA | TRUCK ONLY | 205 | _____ |
| 005 | OLYMPIA | WA | TRUCK ONLY | 439 | _____ |
| | SEATTLE | WA | TRUCK ONLY | 678 | _____ |
| | TACOMA | WA | TRUCK ONLY | 339 | _____ |
| DELIVERY PERIOD 02/01/09 - 02/15/09 | | | | | |
| 006 | HOUSTON | TX | TRUCK ONLY | 1,456 | _____ |
| DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/09 - 02/28/09 | | | | | |
| 007 | CONCORD | CA | TRUCK ONLY | 1,456 | _____ |
| DELIVERY PERIOD 03/01/09 - 03/15/09 | | | | | |
| 008 | ALTOONA | PA | TRUCK ONLY | 4,368 | _____ |
| 009 | COAL TOWNSHIP | PA | TRUCK ONLY | 1,456 | _____ |
| 010 | PHILADELPHIA | PA | TRUCK ONLY | 2,912 | _____ |
| 011 | PHILADELPHIA | PA | TRUCK ONLY | 728 | _____ |
| | WILKES-BARRE | PA | TRUCK ONLY | 728 | _____ |

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| DELIVERY PERIOD 04/01/09 - 04/15/09 | | | | | |
| 012 | ELMIRA | MI | TRUCK ONLY | 5,824 | _____ |
| 013 | HOUSTON | TX | TRUCK ONLY | 1,456 | _____ |
| 014 | SAN ANTONIO | TX | TRUCK ONLY | 1,456 | _____ |
| 015 | OMAHA | NE | TRUCK ONLY | 1,456 | _____ |
| DELIVERY PERIOD 04/16/09 - 04/30/09 | | | | | |
| 016 | CRANSTON | RI | TRUCK ONLY | 1,456 | _____ |
| 017 | BALTIMORE | MD | TRUCK ONLY | 1,456 | _____ |
| 018 | ELMIRA | MI | TRUCK ONLY | 1,456 | _____ |
| DELIVERY PERIOD 05/16/09 - 05/31/09 | | | | | |
| 019 | EDGEWOOD | KY | TRUCK ONLY | 280 | _____ |
| | ELIZABETHTOWN | KY | TRUCK ONLY | 586 | |
| | LOUISVILLE | KY | TRUCK ONLY | 590 | |
| 020 | LEXINGTON | KY | TRUCK ONLY | 904 | _____ |
| | MAYFIELD | KY | TRUCK ONLY | 250 | |
| | PRESTONSBURG | KY | TRUCK ONLY | 302 | |

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| 021 | AKRON | OH | TRUCK ONLY | 1,456 | _____ |
| 022 | HOUSTON | TX | TRUCK ONLY | 1,456 | _____ |
| 023 | SAN DIEGO | CA | TRUCK ONLY | 1,456 | _____ |
| TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE | | | | 42,224 | |
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 Commodity Procurement Branch
 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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