## PURCHASE ANNOUNCEMENT

United States
Department of
Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

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## USDA ANNOUNCES PURCHASE PROGRAM FOR GRAPEFRUIT JUICE:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase bottled grapefruit juice for domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers will be invited pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements dated April 2012; Amendment No. 1, dated June 2012; and Amendment No. 2, dated August 2012. Refer to the Commodity Specification for Bottled Fruit Juices, dated April 2012, and Amendment No. 1. dated April 2012, for additional requirements.

A Solicitation will be issued in the near future for deliveries beginning July 1, 2013. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Solicitation. Subsequent solicitations will be issued if necessary.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Web-Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) website at <a href="http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=WBSCM">http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=WBSCM</a>. Offers submitted by any means other than WBSCM will be considered nonresponsive.

Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of the AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements dated April 2012, as amended; the Qualification Requirements for Prospective Contractors Selling Commodities to USDA dated September 2012; the Commodity Specification for Bottled Fruit Juices dated April 2012, as amended; and the Solicitation(s).

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-4517 or addressing the Contracting Officer; United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Contracting Branch, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 3522, STOP S-0239, Washington, DC 20250-0239. An electronic version of this Purchase Announcement can be obtained through the AMS Commodity Procurement website at: <a href="https://www.ams.usda.gov/commoditypurchasing">www.ams.usda.gov/commoditypurchasing</a>.

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