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Poultry Programs

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CHICKEN AND CHICKEN PRODUCTS, INVITATION NO. 17, ANNOUNCEMENT PY-322

The U.S. Department of Agriculture invites offers to sell chicken and chicken products as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers are due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, Feb. 11. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Feb. 15. Deliveries are to be made from Mar. 16 to Mar. 31.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. **Note that some item numbers and the associated quantities for cooked batter/breaded chicken have been set-aside for service-disabled veteran-owned businesses and are indicated by a double asterisk.** Items listed as "KOSHER ONLY" must be produced as a Kosher product. Shipping instructions will indicate quantity to be delivered to each point.

Inquiries about Announcement PY-322; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specifications for Chicken Parts, Bulk Pack Chicken and Chicken Parts, and Batter/Breaded Chicken Breasts, Thighs, and Drumsticks dated May 2007; or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs; Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260; 1400 Independence Ave. SW; Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-7693. 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 PY-322, 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 mechanically refrigerated trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

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Cut-up (221240) - Frozen cut-up chickens, 8 pieces, without necks and giblets. Cut-up chickens must be produced from ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens which weigh 2.50 to 3.75 pounds (1.13 to 1.70 kg) without necks and giblets. The commodity must be packed in a minimum of four plastic-film bags and packed 40 pounds (18.14 kg) net weight in each fiberboard shipping container, with 1,000 containers per purchase unit totaling 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Bulk Pack, Small (221690) - Bulk packed for further processing, chilled ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens without necks and giblets. Frozen may be specified in the Invitation. The weight range for an individual chicken is 2.50 to 3.75 pounds (1.13 to 1.70 kg), without necks and giblets. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required in the Commodity Specification for Bulk Pack Chicken and Chicken Parts dated May 2007. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

Bulk Pack, Large (222590) - Bulk packed for further processing, chilled ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens without necks or giblets. Frozen may be specified in the Invitation. The individual chicken weight range must be over 3.75 pounds (over 1.70 kg) per carcass weighed without necks and giblets. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required within the Commodity Specification for Bulk Pack Chicken and Chicken Parts dated May 2007. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

Chicken Legs, Bulk Parts (224190) - Chilled chicken legs, bulk packed for further processing. Legs must weigh between 5 and 17.50 ounces (141.75 and 496.11 g) each, or be produced from ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens which weigh 2.50 to 7 pounds (1.13 to 3.18 kg) per whole carcass, without necks and giblets. Frozen may be specified in the Invitation. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required within the Commodity Specification for Bulk Pack Chicken and Chicken Parts dated May 2007. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

Cooked (225230) - Frozen cooked batter/breaded cut-up chicken (7 pieces - breasts, thighs, and drumsticks). The cooked chicken parts must be produced from ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chicken carcasses, that weigh 3.0 to 3.50 pounds (1.36 to 1.59 kg) before the wings are removed and without necks and giblets. The commodity must be packaged or packed in a minimum of three plastic-film bags or layers, respectively, and packed 30 pounds (13.61 kg) net weight in each fiberboard shipping container, with 1,300 containers per purchase unit totaling 39,000 pounds (17,690 kg).

ANNOUNCEMENT : PY322
INVITATION : 017
COMM GROUP : 22 CHICKEN, FROZEN
COMM TYPE : 12 CHICKEN, CUT-UP, FROZEN
PACK SIZE : 40 40 LB CONTAINER

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (LBS)
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/08 - 03/31/08				
001	DELAWARE CITY	DE	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
002	MOBILE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
003	HOUSTON	TX		80,000
004	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				200,000

COMM TYPE : 16 CHICKEN, FRESH/FROZEN BULK SM
PACK SIZE : 90 2 1/2 - 3 3/4 LB BULK PACK

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (LBS)
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/08 - 03/31/08				
005	PINE BLUFF	AR	TRUCK ONLY	288,000*
006	SUMTER	SC	TRUCK ONLY	540,000
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				828,000

***NO TOLERANCE ALLOWED** - Less than 36,000 pounds will be rejected.

ANNOUNCEMENT : PY322
INVITATION : 017
COMM GROUP : 22 CHICKEN, FROZEN
COMM TYPE : 25 CHICKEN, FRESH/FROZEN BULK LG
PACK SIZE : 90 OVER 3.75 LB BULK PACK

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (LBS)
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/08 - 03/31/08				
007	BOAZ	AL	TRUCK ONLY	180,000
008	NEW HOLLAND	PA	TRUCK ONLY	2,988,000*
009	GAINESVILLE	GA	TRUCK ONLY	540,000
010	ROGERS	AR	TRUCK ONLY	144,000
011	BOAZ	AL	TRUCK ONLY	1,584,000*
012	FORT SMITH	AR	TRUCK ONLY	360,000

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 5,796,000

COMM TYPE : 41 CHICKEN, CHILLED, LEGS
PACK SIZE : 90 BULK PACK

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (LBS)
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/08 - 03/31/08				
013	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	144,000*

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 144,000

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ANNOUNCEMENT : PY322
INVITATION : 017
COMM GROUP : 22 CHICKEN, FROZEN
COMM TYPE : 52 CHICKEN, 7 PC, BRD COOKED
PACK SIZE : 30 30 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (LBS)
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/08 - 03/31/08				
014	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	39,000
015	HALFMOON	NY	TRUCK ONLY	19,500
	YORKVILLE	NY	TRUCK ONLY	19,500
016	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	39,000**SET-ASIDE**
017	BIRMINGHAM	AL		39,000**SET-ASIDE**
018	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX	TRUCK ONLY	23,400
	HOUSTON	TX		15,600
019	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	39,000
020	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	39,000
021	COMMERCE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	29,250
	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	87,750
022	CORDELIA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	19,500
	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	19,500
023	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	39,000

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 468,000

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 7,436,000

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