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Please Note:
New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Solicitation Mailing List Application, SF-129, Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) one week prior to bid opening (October 21, 2003) or your company may be considered non-responsible.

FV-207

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: October 9, 2003

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-207, Invitation 081

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central time, Tuesday, October 21, 2003**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, October 31, 2003. Deliveries are to be made from December 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dried Fruit and Nut Mix	5/5 lb.	81,536 cases
Dried Fruit and Nut Mix	24/1 lb.	10,192 cases

Ingredients: Composed of the following combination in equal portions – 20 percent of each product: Natural Thompson (sun-dried) seedless raisins, date pieces (chopped), fig pieces, plum pieces (plunger pitted) and English walnut (small) pieces.

- *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.*
- *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.*
- *On "BKLYN/CEN ISLIP NY" destinations, shippers are instructed to call the contact person on the Notice to Deliver first prior to making an appointment, so that they can be directed to which warehouse they will ship the product.*



- *No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation other than the 8(a) vendor who has an IDIQ contract for this commodity.*
- *The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2002 crop year or later.*

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-207, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated June 1999, 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-207, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

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 COMM TYPE : 60 FRUIT AND NUT MIX, DRIED
 PACK SIZE : 10 5/5 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/03 - 12/15/03					
001	AUGUSTA	ME	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
002	LINCOLN	RI	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
003	RIVIERA BEACH	FL	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
004	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,456	_____
005	EAST BERNSTADT	KY	TRUCK ONLY	1,092	_____
	LEXINGTON	KY	TRUCK ONLY	364	
006	CHATTANOOGA	TN	TRUCK ONLY	756	_____
	CLEVELAND	GA	TRUCK ONLY	700	
007	FAIRFIELD	OH	TRUCK ONLY	510	_____
	LEXINGTON	KY	TRUCK ONLY	582	
	OWENSBORO	KY	TRUCK ONLY	364	
008	MILWAUKEE	WI	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
009	LITTLE ROCK	AR	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
010	INDEPENDENCE	MO		1,456	_____
011	NATIONAL CITY	CA		364	_____
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,092	
012	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,092	
013	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____

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014	ASHLAND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	273	_____
	JOHNSON CITY	TN	TRUCK ONLY	400	_____
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	783	_____
015	LA SALLE	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
016	COLUMBUS	OH		1,456	_____
017	COLUMBUS	OH		364	_____
	DAYTON	OH		1,092	_____
018	ST MARTINVILLE	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/04 - 01/15/04					
019	MIAMI PLANTATIO	FL		1,456	_____
020	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,456	_____
021	CLEVELAND	GA	TRUCK ONLY	346	_____
	LAWRENCEVILLE	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,110	_____
022	AUGUSTA	GA	TRUCK ONLY	853	_____
	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	603	_____
023	GRANITE CITY	IL		1,456	_____
024	LOGANSPO	IN		728	_____
	VINCENNES	IN	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
025	FORT WAYNE	IN	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
	KALAMAZOO	MI	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
026	MCALESTER	OK		1,456	_____

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027	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX		1,456	_____
028	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
029	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
030	CORDELIA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,092	_____
	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
031	FRESNO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
032	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/04 - 01/31/04					
033	CHARLESTON	WV		1,456	_____
034	RIVIERA BEACH	FL	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
035	AUGUSTA	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,325	_____
	COLUMBIA	SC	TRUCK ONLY	131	_____
036	DOUGLAS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,206	_____
	MACON	GA	TRUCK ONLY	250	_____
037	GRANITE CITY	IL		1,456	_____
038	LA SALLE	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
039	AMARILLO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	160	_____
	BROWNWOOD	TX	TRUCK ONLY	190	_____
	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,106	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/04 - 01/31/04					
040	INDEPENDENCE	MO		1,456	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/01/04 - 02/15/04					
041	BALTIMORE	MD	TRUCK ONLY	756	
	JESSUP	MD	TRUCK ONLY	700	
042	RIVIERA BEACH	FL	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
043	ORLANDO	FL	TRUCK ONLY	500	
	WINTER HAVEN	FL		956	
044	ALBANY	GA	TRUCK ONLY	400	
	AMERICUS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	856	
	COLUMBUS	GA		200	
045	CORINTH	MS	TRUCK ONLY	728	
	LAUREL	MS	TRUCK ONLY	728	
046	EL PASO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	442	
	LUBBOCK	TX		355	
	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	659	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/04 - 02/29/04					
047	MIAMI PLANTATIO	FL		650	
	MOBILE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	442	
	TAMPA	FL		364	
048	LA SALLE	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
049	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX		1,056	
	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	290	
	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	110	

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050	INDEPENDENCE	MO	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/01/04 - 03/15/04					
051	RIVIERA BEACH	FL	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
052	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
053	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/04 - 03/31/04					
054	BINGHAMTON	NY		728	_____ **
	UTICA	NY	TRUCK ONLY	728	
055	CENTRAL ISLIP	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,092	_____ **
	NEWARK	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	364	
056	ALBANY	NY	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____ **
	MILTON	NY	TRUCK ONLY	728	

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DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/03 - 12/15/03					
057	DENVER	CO	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
	PUEBLO	CO	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
058	CLEARFIELD	UT		1,456	_____
059	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/01/04 - 02/15/04					
060	BIRMINGHAM	AL		635	_____
	CLANTON	AL	TRUCK ONLY	821	_____
061	ALEXANDER CITY	AL	TRUCK ONLY	441	_____
	BIRMINGHAM	AL		475	_____
	TUSCALOOSA	AL	TRUCK ONLY	540	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/01/04 - 03/15/04					
062	CONCORDIA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/04 - 03/31/04					
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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				91,728	

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