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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 29, 2003) or your company may be considered non-responsible.

FV-207

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: October 15, 2003

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-207, Invitation 083

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to Needy Families and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central time, Wednesday, October 29, 2003**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, November 12, 2003. Deliveries are to be made from April 1, 2004 through April 30, 2004.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dried Fruit and Nut Mix 24/1 lb. 52,416 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV207
 INVITATION : 083
 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 04/01/04 - 04/15/04					
001	CRANSTON	RI	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
002	PLAINFIELD	VT	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
003	BALTIMORE	MD	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
004	HILLSIDE	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	798	_____
	VINELAND	NJ		658	_____
005	NEWPORT NEWS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
006	ROANOKE	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
007	VERONA	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
008	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,456	_____
009	ATLANTA	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
010	RUSSELL SPRINGS	KY	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
011	JACKSON	MS	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
012	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
013	DYERSBURG	TN	TRUCK ONLY	788	_____
	MEMPHIS	TN	TRUCK ONLY	668	_____
014	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
015	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
016	FLINT	MI	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
	LANSING	MI	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____

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017	ALBUQUERQUE	NM		1,456	_____
018	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	TRUCK ONLY	874	_____
	TULSA	OK	TRUCK ONLY	582	_____
019	DALLAS	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
020	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
021	MESA	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,031	_____
	TUCSON	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	425	_____
022	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
023	PORTLAND	OR	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/16/04 - 04/30/04					
024	SHREWSBURY	MA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
025	AUGUSTA	ME	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
026	NORFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
027	HUNTSVILLE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	772	_____
	THEODORE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	684	_____
028	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,456	_____
029	MAPLEWOOD	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
030	LOGAN	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____

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031	EAU CLAIRE	WI		559	
	MADISON	WI	TRUCK ONLY	524	
	MILWAUKEE	WI	TRUCK ONLY	373	
032	MCALLEN	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
033	DES MOINES	IA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
034	CONCORDIA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
035	LINCOLN	NE		1,456	
036	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 52,416

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 Contracting Officer

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