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Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) 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-207

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: April 26, 2004

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-207, Invitation 092

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, Monday, May 10, 2004**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, May 24, 2004. Deliveries are to be made from July 1, 2004 through November 30, 2004.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dried Fruit and Nut Mix 24/1 lb. 87,360 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.

Vendors doing business with USDA are required to be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) system, before being awarded contracts. If the Offeror is not registered in the CCR database within 48 hours after bid opening, offers will be deemed non-responsive.

Assignees shall be separately registered in the CCR database. Once a contract has been awarded, the Contractor shall not change the name or address for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments in the CCR record for the purpose of assignment of claims.

Offerors may obtain information on CCR registration and annual renewal requirements via the Internet at <http://www.ccr.gov> or by calling 1-888-227-2423 or 269-961-5757.

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 : 092
 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 07/01/04 - 07/15/04					
001	CENTRAL ISLIP	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____ **
002	WASHINGTON	DC	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
003	ELIZABETHTOWN	KY	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
	LEXINGTON	KY	TRUCK ONLY	1,006	_____
004	CADILLAC	MI	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
	OSSINEKE	MI	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
005	CARO	MI	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
	CLARE	MI	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
006	DETROIT	MI		1,456	_____
007	BENTON HARBOR	MI	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
	FLINT	MI	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
	LANSING	MI	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
008	NEW ORLEANS	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
009	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	TRUCK ONLY	1,020	_____
	FARMINGTON	NM	TRUCK ONLY	436	_____
010	LAS CRUCES	NM	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
011	DENVER	CO	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
012	CARTHAGE	MO		1,456	_____
013	CARTHAGE	MO		728	_____
	KANSAS CITY	MO		728	_____

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014	KANSAS CITY	MO		1,456	_____
015	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
016	SAN DIEGO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
017	LAS VEGAS	NV	TRUCK ONLY	873	_____
	SPARKS	NV	TRUCK ONLY	583	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/16/04 - 07/31/04					
018	NEW ORLEANS	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/01/04 - 08/15/04					
019	DETROIT	MI		1,456	_____
020	NEW ORLEANS	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
021	CARTHAGE	MO		1,456	_____
022	CARTHAGE	MO		728	_____
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DELIVERY PERIOD 08/16/04 - 08/31/04					
024	NEW ORLEANS	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/04 - 09/15/04					
025	CARO	MI	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
	CLARE	MI	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
026	DETROIT	MI		1,456	_____
027	NEW ORLEANS	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
028	CARTHAGE	MO		1,456	_____
029	CARTHAGE	MO		728	_____
	KANSAS CITY	MO		728	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/16/04 - 09/30/04					
030	WASHINGTON	DC	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
031	BENTON HARBOR	MI	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
	DETROIT	MI		364	_____
	LANSING	MI	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
032	NEW ORLEANS	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
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034	HELENA	MT	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/04 - 10/15/04					
035	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
036	DETROIT	MI		364	_____
	FLINT	MI	TRUCK ONLY	364	
	OSSINEKE	MI	TRUCK ONLY	728	
037	NEW ORLEANS	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
038	CARTHAGE	MO		1,456	_____
039	CARTHAGE	MO		728	_____
	KANSAS CITY	MO		728	
040	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
041	GARDEN GROVE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/04 - 10/31/04					
042	DETROIT	MI		1,456	_____
043	NEW ORLEANS	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/04 - 11/15/04					
044	ELIZABETHTOWN	KY	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
	LEXINGTON	KY	TRUCK ONLY	1,006	
045	DETROIT	MI		1,456	_____
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052	GARDEN GROVE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
053	SAN DIEGO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
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054	BENTON HARBOR	MI	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
	DETROIT	MI		1,092	_____
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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				81,536	
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 Contracting Officer

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