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Please Note:
New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). 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-307 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: August 8, 2006

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 031

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the needy family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1:00 p.m., Central time, Tuesday, August 22, 2006.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, August 31, 2006. Deliveries are to be made from October 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dried Pitted Plums	**24/1 lb.**	**4,500 cases**
Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins	**24/15 oz. pkgs.**	**8,640 cases**

Please Note:

- The raisins purchased under this invitation must be:

  Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins as defined in the U.S. Standards Type (I) - Seedless Raisins (1) Natural or (2) Vine-dried (DOV).

- **The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2005-06 or later crop year of Natural (sun-dried) Seedless raisins which have not been reconditioned by washing or drying.**

- All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

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- **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.**

- **No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this 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.**

- **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.**

- Offers may now be submitted by raisin handlers or designated 8(a) vendors contracting with raisin handlers, as that term is defined in Section 989.15 of Marketing Order No. 989 for California Raisins. **Contractor agrees to purchase a quantity of reserve tonnage raisins within 30 days of shipment, at ($950) per sweat box ton from the 2005-06 or later Natural (sun-dried) Seedless Raisin reserve pool of the Raisin Administrative Committee, equal to the poundage delivered hereunder divided by .93959 for Natural (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins used in the contract.**

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-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 2004 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-307, 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 : FV307
INVITATION : 031
COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
COMM TYPE : 31 PLUMS, PITTED, DRIED
PACK SIZE : 10 24/1 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/06 - 10/15/06					
001	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/06 - 11/15/06					
002	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/16/06 - 12/31/06					
003	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				4,500	

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV307
INVITATION : 031
COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
COMM TYPE : 40 RAISINS
PACK SIZE : 50 24/15 OZ PKG

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/06 - 10/15/06					
004	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	TRUCK ONLY	1,728	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/06 - 10/31/06					
005	KANSAS CITY	MO		1,728	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/06 - 11/15/06					
006	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	TRUCK ONLY	1,728	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/16/06 - 12/31/06					
007	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	TRUCK ONLY	1,728	_____
008	KANSAS CITY	MO		1,728	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 8,640

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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 13,140

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