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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 29, 2006

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 032

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, September 12, 2006.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 26, 2006. Deliveries are to be made from November 16, 2006 through February 28, 2007.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

NOTE: Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for FY 2007. The Government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the appropriation of funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives written notice of such availability from the Contracting Officer.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dried Fruit and Nut Mix	**5/5 lb.**	**24,752 cases**
Dried Fruit and Nut Mix	**24/1 lb.**	**11,648 cases**

Ingredients:

"Composed of the following combination in equal portions – 25 percent of each product: Dried date pieces (chopped/extruded), dried fig pieces, English walnut (small) pieces, Natural (sun-dried) seedless raisins, (must be coated with vegetable oil) and dried cranberries

Please Note:

- The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2006 or later crop year.

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

- 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.

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 : 032
COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
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 11/16/06 - 11/30/06					
001	AUGUSTA	ME	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
002	NAPLES	FL	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,092	
003	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,456	_____
004	FORT WORTH	TX		1,456	_____
005	CORDELIA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
	FRESNO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	728	
006	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
007	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,912	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/06 - 12/15/06					
008	AMERICUS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
	DOUGLAS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	728	
009	ATLANTA	GA		728	_____
	FAIRBURN	GA	TRUCK ONLY	728	
010	NEWPORT	MN		1,456	_____
011	CLEVELAND	OH	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
	OBETZ	OH	TRUCK ONLY	728	
012	DAYTON	OH		1,456	_____
013	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/07 - 01/15/07					
014	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/01/07 - 02/15/07					
015	NEWPORT	MN		1,456	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/07 - 02/28/07					
016	FRESNO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	728	

COMM TYPE : 60 FRUIT AND NUT MIX, DRIED
PACK SIZE : 20 24/1 LB

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DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/06 - 11/30/06					
017	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	966	_____
	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	490	
018	DALLAS	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
019	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	728	
020	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____*
021	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____

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022	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
023	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
024	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 36,400

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Commodity Procurement Branch
Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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