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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-311

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: July 29, 2004

Fresh Apples (Pilot), Announcement FV-311, Invitation 002

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition programs and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central Time, Thursday, August 12, 2004**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Thursday, August 26, 2004. Deliveries are to be made from October 10, 2004, through April 30, 2005.

Offers are invited from the trade for 7,392 cases of fresh apples (pilot) in 37 lb. cartons to a shipping container.

**No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.**

**Note:** Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for FY2005. The Government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the availability of appropriated 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 notice of such availability in writing from the Contracting Officer.

**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-311, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated April 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>.



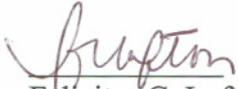
Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-311, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

**Split shipments are indicated by single asterisk.**

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV311	PREFERENCE
INVITATION : 002	CODES: RD-RED DELICIOUS
COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH	
COMM TYPE : 27 APPLES, FRESH	
PACK SIZE : 37 37/40 LB CARTON	

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)	PREFERENCE 1 2 3
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DELIVERY PERIOD 10/03/04 - 12/31/04						
001	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	RD
002	PHILADELPHIA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	RD
003	SUNBURY	PA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	RD
004	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____	RD
	WILKES-BARRE	PA	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____	
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/31/05 - 04/30/05						
005	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	RD
006	PHILADELPHIA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	RD
007	SUNBURY	PA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	RD
008	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____	RD
	WILKES-BARRE	PA	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				7,392		
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				7,392		

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