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Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Appendix I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, by the time of bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-201

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: January 8, 2004

Frozen Fruit, Announcement FV-201, Invitation 082

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Frozen Fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in the school lunch and other domestic food assistance programs. **Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Wednesday, January 21, 2004.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight January 30, 2004. Deliveries are to be made from March 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Frozen Apple Slices 30 lb. 25,080 cases

- *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.*
- *No offer 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.*



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 at the time of 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?](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-201, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Fruit dated June 1999, as amended, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20090-9410, 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-201, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV201
 INVITATION : 082
 COMM GROUP : 31 FRUIT, FROZEN
 COMM TYPE : 50 APPLE SLICES, FROZEN
 PACK SIZE : 30 30 LB CTN

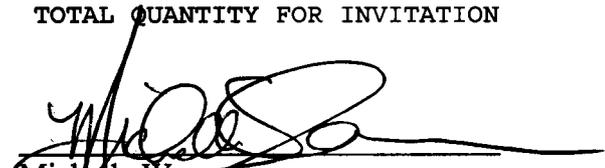
ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/01/04 - 03/15/04					
001	HOLLY RIDGE	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
002	HARTFORD	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
003	ROMULUS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
004	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,640	_____
005	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	330	_____
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	990	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/04 - 03/31/04					
006	FORT WORTH	TX		1,320	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 05/01/04 - 05/15/04					
007	ROMULUS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 06/01/04 - 06/15/04					
008	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 06/16/04 - 06/30/04					
009	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	7,920	_____
010	HAWTHORNE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
011	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	3,960	_____

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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 25,080

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Michelle Warren
Contracting Officer

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