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Washington, DC
20250

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: February 20, 2004

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-207, Invitation 088

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, Friday, February 27, 2004**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, March 8, 2004. Deliveries are to be made from April 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dried Cherries 8/2 lb. 92,400 cases

- **The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2003 or later crop year.**
- **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.**
- **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.**



- 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 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 November 1999 (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, 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 : 088
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
 COMM TYPE : 70 CHERRIES, DRIED
 PACK SIZE : 10 8/2 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/01/04 - 04/15/04					
001	EAST HAVEN	CT	TRUCK ONLY	1,230	_____
	WINDSOR	CT	TRUCK ONLY	618	_____
002	LATHAM	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____ **
003	BALTIMORE	MD	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
004	NEWPORT NEWS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
005	ROANOKE	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
006	HUNTSVILLE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	980	_____
	THEODORE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	868	_____
007	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,848	_____
008	JACKSON	MS	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
009	COMSTOCK PARK	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,348	_____
	FLINT	MI	TRUCK ONLY	500	_____
010	AKRON	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
011	FAIRFIELD	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
012	EAU CLAIRE	WI		710	_____
	MADISON	WI	TRUCK ONLY	665	_____
	MILWAUKEE	WI	TRUCK ONLY	473	_____
013	BEAUMONT	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
014	DENVER	CO	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	SIOUX FALLS	SD		924	_____

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015	CONCORDIA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	SALT LAKE CITY	UT	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
016	BELL	CA	TRUCK ONLY	3,696	_____
017	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	3,696	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/16/04 - 04/30/04					
018	CHARLESTON	WV		3,696	_____
019	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	948	_____
	ST LOUIS	MO	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
020	COLUMBIA	MO	TRUCK ONLY	500	_____
	KANSAS CITY	MO	TRUCK ONLY	548	_____
	ST LOUIS	MO	TRUCK ONLY	800	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 05/01/04 - 05/15/04					
021	BRONX	NY	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____ **
	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
022	BRONX	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____ **
023	VINELAND	NJ		1,848	_____
024	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,848	_____
025	ATLANTA	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____

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026	RUSSELL SPRINGS	KY	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
027	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	TRUCK ONLY	1,109	_____
	TULSA	OK	TRUCK ONLY	739	_____
028	MCALLEN	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
029	LOS ANGELES/FAS	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
	(HONOLULU, HI)				
030	PORTLAND	OR	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 05/16/04 - 05/31/04					
031	ATLANTA	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
032	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	SPRINGFIELD	IL	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____
	ST CHARLES	IL	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____
033	ALBUQUERQUE	NM		1,848	_____
034	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
035	SEATTLE WHSE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
	(ALASKA)				

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DELIVERY PERIOD 06/01/04 - 06/15/04					
036	HATFIELD	MA	TRUCK ONLY	1,386	_____
	LOWELL	MA	TRUCK ONLY	462	
037	ROANOKE	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
038	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,848	_____
039	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
040	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	739	_____
	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,109	
041	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
042	MAPLEWOOD	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
043	ALEXANDRIA	LA	TRUCK ONLY	518	_____
	NEW ORLEANS	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,330	
044	MESA	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	563	_____
	NOGALES	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	465	
	SURPRISE	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	820	
045	COEUR D'ALENE	ID	TRUCK ONLY	616	_____
	LEWISTON	ID	TRUCK ONLY	616	
	POCATELLO	ID		616	
046	AUBURN	WA	TRUCK ONLY	1,418	_____
	SEATTLE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	430	

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DELIVERY PERIOD 06/16/04 - 06/30/04

047	LUBBOCK	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 92,400

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 Contracting Officer

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