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Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Appendix I, 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.

This invitation is for Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Set-Aside only, see FAR 52.219-27 Notice of Total Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Set-Aside.

FV-302 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: August 15, 2006

Canned Vegetables, Announcement FV-302, Invitation 073

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell canned vegetables as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. **Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Friday, September 1, 2006.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 15, 2006. Deliveries are to be made from November 16 - 30, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Tomato Paste	6/#10 can	9,120 cases

Note: Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for FY 2007. 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, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

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 this special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an Invitation.

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.

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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-302; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetables dated April 2004, 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, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0239, 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 of the commodities listed below will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-302, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. 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 : FV302
INVITATION : 073
COMM GROUP : 36 VEGETABLES, CANNED
COMM TYPE : 72 TOMATO PASTE
PACK SIZE : 61 6/#10 CAN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/06 - 11/30/06					
001	JACKSONVILLE/FAS (PUERTO RICO)	FL	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
002	JACKSONVILLE/FAS (PUERTO RICO)	FL	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
003	JACKSONVILLE/FAS (PUERTO RICO)	FL	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
004	JACKSONVILLE/FAS (PUERTO RICO)	FL	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
005	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	1,824	_____
006	COAL TOWNSHIP	PA	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
007	PHILADELPHIA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	912	_____
008	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
	WILKES-BARRE	PA	TRUCK ONLY	548	
009	MIAMI PLANTATIO	FL		912	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 9,120

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