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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-300 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: September 13, 2005

Canned Fruit, Announcement FV-300, Invitation 068

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell canned fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition program and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central Time, Thursday, September 15, 2005.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Monday, September 19, 2005. Deliveries are to be made from September 16 to Occtober 15, 2005.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Canned Applesauce	24/#300	21,060 cases

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors.

This invitation is to provide USDA commodities to areas affected by Hurricane Katrina, and to replace commodities previously diverted to those areas. Since there is a great need to deliver to destinations on the gulf coast as soon as possible, delivery timeframes on this invitation will begin immediately. **If you are unable to meet the early delivery periods, do not bid on them.** Inspection issues resulting from the need to deliver product quickly will be handled by Commodity Procurement Branch on a cases by case basis. **Please note, is the vendor's responsibility to have timely deliveries and to deliver good quality and condition of the product.**

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.

Note: Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is http://orca.bpn.gov. The

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representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated Appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm

However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of their Appendix 1.

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-300, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Canned 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-300, 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 : FV300
INVITATION : 068
COMM GROUP : 30 FRUIT, CANNED
COMM TYPE : 11 APPLESAUCE, CANNED
PACK SIZE : 24 24/#300 CAN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/16/05 - 09/30/05					
001	BATON ROUGE	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,620	_____
002	BATON ROUGE	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,620	_____
003	BATON ROUGE	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,620	_____
004	BATON ROUGE	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,620	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/05 - 10/15/05					
005	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	810	_____
	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	810	
006	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,620	_____
007	MODESTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	810	_____
	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	810	
008	CARTHAGE	MO		1,620	_____
009	CARTHAGE	MO		1,620	_____
010	CARTHAGE	MO		1,620	_____
011	CARTHAGE	MO		1,620	_____
012	CARTHAGE	MO		1,620	_____
013	CARTHAGE	MO		1,620	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 21,060

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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 21,060

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Contracting Officer

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