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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-307 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: January 11, 2005

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 014

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, Tuesday, January 25, 2005.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, February 8, 2005. Deliveries are to be made from April 1, 2005 through June 15, 2005.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dried Pitted Plums	**24/1 lb.**	**4,500 cases**

- **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.**

- **All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.**

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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-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 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 to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-307, 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 : FV307
INVITATION : 014
COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
COMM TYPE : 31 PLUMS, PITTED, DRIED
PACK SIZE : 10 24/1 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/01/05 - 04/15/05					
001	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 05/01/05 - 05/15/05					
002	KANSAS CITY	MO		1,500	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 06/01/05 - 06/15/05					
003	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				4,500	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				4,500	

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