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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 Small Business Set-Aside only, see FAR 52.219-6 Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside.

FV-308 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: November 10, 2005

Dehydrated Potatoes, Announcement FV-308, Invitation 013

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dehydrated potatoes as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in Needy Family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, **Tuesday, November 22, 2005**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, December 2, 2005. Deliveries are to be made from January 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dehydrated Potatoes, Flakes	12/1 lb	20,000 cases

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

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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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 markings 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. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only on quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-308, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dehydrated Potatoes dated May 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 20250-9410, 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-308, 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 : FV308
INVITATION : 013
COMM GROUP : 37 VEGETABLES, DEHYDRATED
COMM TYPE : 10 POTATOES, FLAKES, DEHYDRATED
PACK SIZE : 10 12/1 LB PACKAGE

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/06 - 01/15/06					
001	BATON ROUGE	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,250	_____
	OPELOUSAS	LA		1,250	
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/06 - 01/31/06					
002	OPELOUSAS	LA		2,500	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/01/06 - 02/15/06					
003	EAST HAVEN	CT	TRUCK ONLY	2,500	_____
004	BOSTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	2,500	_____
005	DES MOINES	IA	TRUCK ONLY	2,500	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/01/06 - 03/15/06					
006	CARTHAGE	MO		2,500	_____
007	MISSION	SD	TRUCK ONLY	1,000	_____
	PINE RIDGE	SD	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/06 - 03/31/06					
008	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	TRUCK ONLY	2,500	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 20,000

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