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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: September 23, 2004

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 008

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 **10 a.m., Central time, Monday, September 27, 2004.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 29, 2004. Deliveries are to be made from November 16, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins	144/1.33 oz	50,388 cases
Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins	30 lb. ctns.	15,180 cases
Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins	24/15 oz. pkgs.	12,096 cases

- **The raisins purchased under this invitation must be: Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins as defined in the U.S. Standards Type (I) - Seedless Raisins (1) Natural.**
- **\*All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.**
- **The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2003 crop year or later Natural (sun-dried) Seedless reserve pool raisins which have not been reconditioned by washing or drying.**
- **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.**

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.

Offers may now be submitted by raisin handlers or designated 8(a) vendors contracting with raisin handlers, as that term is defined in Section 989.15 of Marketing Order No. 989 for California Raisins. **Contractor agrees to purchase a quantity of reserve tonnage raisins within 30 days of shipment, at (\$700) per sweat box ton from the 2003 or later Natural (sun-dried) Seedless Raisin reserve pool of the Raisin Administrative Committee, equal to the poundage delivered hereunder divided by .93878 for Natural (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins used in the contract.**

**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 : 008  
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED  
 COMM TYPE : 40 RAISINS  
 PACK SIZE : 20 144/1.33 OZ BOX

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/04 - 11/30/04					
001	CUMBERLAND	MD	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
002	BUTNER	NC	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
003	MARION	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,482	_____
	TERRE HAUTE	IN	TRUCK ONLY	1,482	_____
004	BEAUMONT	TX	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
005	SHERIDAN	OR	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/16/04 - 12/31/04					
006	GLENVILLE	WV	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/05 - 01/31/05					
007	MIAMI	FL	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
008	SEA TAC	WA	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/05 - 02/28/05					
009	SHERIDAN	OR	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/05 - 03/31/05					
010	BEAUMONT	TX	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 06/16/05 - 06/30/05					
011	MIAMI	FL	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
012	MARION	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,482	_____
	TERRE HAUTE	IN	TRUCK ONLY	1,482	_____
013	BEAUMONT	TX	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
014	SPRINGFIELD	MO	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
015	SHERIDAN	OR	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
016	SEA TAC	WA	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
017	BUTNER	NC	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____

COMM TYPE : 40 RAISINS  
 PACK SIZE : 30 30 LB CTN

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DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/04 - 11/30/04					
018	COLEMAN	FL	TRUCK ONLY	1,380	_____
019	GREENVILLE	IL	TRUCK ONLY	690	_____
	PEKIN	IL	TRUCK ONLY	690	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/04 - 11/30/04					
020	SEA TAC	WA	TRUCK ONLY	1,380	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/16/04 - 12/31/04					
021	SHERIDAN	OR	TRUCK ONLY	1,380	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/05 - 02/28/05					
022	COLEMAN	FL	TRUCK ONLY	1,380	_____
023	NORTH LAS VEGAS	NV	TRUCK ONLY	1,380	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/05 - 03/31/05					
024	GLENVILLE	WV	TRUCK ONLY	1,380	_____
025	SEA TAC	WA	TRUCK ONLY	1,380	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/16/05 - 04/30/05					
026	SHERIDAN	OR	TRUCK ONLY	1,380	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 06/16/05 - 06/30/05					
027	COLEMAN	FL	TRUCK ONLY	1,380	_____
028	GREENVILLE	IL	TRUCK ONLY	690	_____
	PEKIN	IL	TRUCK ONLY	690	_____

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV307  
 INVITATION : 008  
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED  
 COMM TYPE : 40 RAISINS  
 PACK SIZE : 50 24/15 OZ PKG

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/04 - 11/30/04					
029	MARION	IL	TRUCK ONLY	864	_____
	TERRE HAUTE	IN	TRUCK ONLY	864	_____
030	ROCHESTER	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,728	_____
031	BEAUMONT	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,728	_____
032	FORT WORTH	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,728	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 06/16/05 - 06/30/05					
033	MARION	IL	TRUCK ONLY	864	_____
	TERRE HAUTE	IN	TRUCK ONLY	864	_____
034	WASECA	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,728	_____
035	SPRINGFIELD	MO	TRUCK ONLY	1,728	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				77,664	

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV307  
INVITATION : 007  
COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED

COMM TYPE : 40 RAISINS  
PACK SIZE : 20 144/1.33 OZ BOX


COMM TYPE : 40 RAISINS  
PACK SIZE : 30 30 LB CTN

COMM TYPE : 40 RAISINS  
PACK SIZE : 50 24/15 OZ PKG

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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION

77,664

  
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