



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

**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.

Marketing and  
Regulatory  
Programs

FV-311

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Agricultural  
Marketing  
Service

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Washington, DC  
20250

Fresh Pears, Announcement FV-311, Invitation 004

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition programs and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central Time, Thursday, October 28, 2004**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Wednesday, November 10, 2004. Deliveries are to be made from January 3, 2005, through April 27, 2005.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Fresh Pears, D'Anjou	45 lb carton	13,500
Fresh Pears, Bosc	45 lb carton	7,200

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

**VENDORS MUST BE GHP CERTIFIED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF BIDS.**

**Vendors who have not acquired the GHP certification will be deemed non-responsive.**

**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.**

**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-311, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh 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-311, 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 : FV311  
 INVITATION : 004  
 COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH  
 COMM TYPE : 30 PEARS, D'ANJOU, FRESH  
 PACK SIZE : 44 45 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/03/05 - 01/05/05					
001	DELAWARE CITY	DE	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
	WASHINGTON	DC	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
002	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
003	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/10/05 - 01/12/05					
004	DANVILLE	VA	TRUCK ONLY	288	_____
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	612	_____
005	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
006	LAS VEGAS	NV	TRUCK ONLY	575	_____
	RENO	NV	TRUCK ONLY	325	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/31/05 - 02/02/05					
007	JOHNSON CITY	TN	TRUCK ONLY	255	_____
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	645	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/07/05 - 02/09/05					
008	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 02/14/05 - 02/16/05					
009	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/28/05 - 03/02/05					
010	DELAWARE CITY	DE	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
	WASHINGTON	DC	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/07/05 - 03/09/05					
011	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/14/05 - 03/16/05					
012	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	793	_____
	SUFFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	107	_____
013	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/11/05 - 04/13/05					
014	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/25/05 - 04/27/05					
015	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				13,500	

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DELIVERY PERIOD 01/24/05 - 01/26/05

016	PORT NEWARK	NJ		900	_____
017	VINELAND	NJ		900	_____

DELIVERY PERIOD 02/21/05 - 02/23/05

018	PORT NEWARK	NJ		900	_____
019	VINELAND	NJ		900	_____

DELIVERY PERIOD 03/28/05 - 03/30/05

020	PORT NEWARK	NJ		900	_____
021	VINELAND	NJ		900	_____

DELIVERY PERIOD 04/25/05 - 04/27/05

022	PORT NEWARK	NJ		900	_____
023	VINELAND	NJ		900	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 7,200

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 20,700

  
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 Contracting Officer

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