



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.

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Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Agricultural  
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Date Issued: October 14, 2004

Fresh Citrus, Announcement FV-316, Invitation 001.

Washington, DC  
20250

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh citrus as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition 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 24, 2005 through April 27, 2005.

Offers are invited from the trade for 2,820 cases of fresh grapefruit in cartons to a shipping container.

**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.**

**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?](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-316 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-316, 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.

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ANNOUNCEMENT : FV316  
 INVITATION : 001  
 COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH  
 COMM TYPE : 32 GRAPEFRUIT, FRESH  
 PACK SIZE : 34 34-39 LB CARTON

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
<b>DELIVERY PERIOD 01/24/05 - 01/26/05</b>					
001	PORT NEWARK	NJ		470	_____
	VINELAND	NJ		470	
<b>DELIVERY PERIOD 02/21/05 - 02/23/05</b>					
002	PORT NEWARK	NJ		470	_____
	VINELAND	NJ		470	
<b>DELIVERY PERIOD 04/25/05 - 04/27/05</b>					
003	PORT NEWARK	NJ		470	
	VINELAND	NJ		470	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				2,820	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				2,820	

  
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 Felicitas C. Lofton  
 Contracting Officer

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