

Please Note:

United States Department of Agriculture New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters). In addition, <u>all</u> 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-316

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Agricultural Marketing Service Date Issued: October 14, 2004

Fresh Citrus, Announcement FV-316, Invitation 002.

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 3, 2005 through April 27, 2005.

Offers are invited from the trade for 25,650 cases of fresh oranges 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/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-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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NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	RESTR				
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/03/05 - 01/05/05							
001	DELAWARE CITY WASHINGTON				·		
002	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026			
003	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,026			
004	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,026			
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/10/05 - 01/12/05							
005	DANVILLE MADISON HEIGHTS			509 517	-		
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/24/05 - 01/26/05							
006	PORT NEWARK	NJ		1,026			
007	VINELAND	NJ		1,026			
008	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026			
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/31/05 - 02/02/05							
009	DELAWARE CITY WASHINGTON						
010	JOHNSON CITY MADISON HEIGHTS			394 632			

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV316

INVITATION : 002

COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH
COMM TYPE : 40 ORANGES, FRESH
PACK SIZE : 36 34-39 LB CTN

PACK	5122 . 50 51	-					
NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	RESTR		(CSE)		
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/07/05 - 02/09/05							
011	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,026			
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/14/05 - 02/16/05							
012	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026			
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/21/05 - 02/23/05							
013	PORT NEWARK	NJ		1,026			
014	VINELAND	NJ		1,026			
	LAS VEGAS RENO		TRUCK ONLY				
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/28/05 - 03/02/05							
016	DELAWARE CITY WASHINGTON	DE DC	TRUCK ONLY	513 513			
017	MADISON HEIGHTS SUFFOLK	VA VA	TRUCK ONLY	714 312			
018	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026			
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/28/05 - 03/30/05							
019	PORT NEWARK	NJ		1,026			
020	VINELAND	NJ		1,026	·		
021	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026			

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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION

	DESTINATION CITY	ST					
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/04/05 - 04/06/05							
022	DANVILLE MADISON HEIGHTS						
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/25/05 - 04/27/05							
023	PORT NEWARK	NJ		1,026			
024	VINELAND	NJ		1,026			
025	ROCK ISLAND	IL T	RUCK ONLY	1,026			
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 25,650							

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