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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-212

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: September 22, 2004

Shelled Nuts, Announcement FV-212, Invitation 026

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Shelled Nuts as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to Child Nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. **Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Thursday, September 30, 2004.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, October 7, 2004. Deliveries are to be made from November 16, 2004 to January 15, 2005.

NOTE: Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for FY 2005. The Government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the appropriation of funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives written notice of such availability from the Contracting Officer.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Whole Roasted, Shelled Almonds	12/2 lb.	10,780 cases
Whole Natural, Shelled Almonds	12/2 lb.	3,080 cases

- The size of the whole almonds: 34 – 36 A.O.L. (for this invitation only).
- All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.
- No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.
- 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.



- **All natural almonds must be treated with propylene oxide (PPO) or “plasticized” (heating to soften the nut prior to slicing or slivering), in order to protect from salmonella contamination. Certification that one of the two methods has been performed must be provided to the USDA inspector prior to inspection.**
- 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.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-212, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Shelled Nuts dated October 1999, 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, SW, Washington, DC 20090-9410, 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-212, 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 : FV212
INVITATION : 026
COMM GROUP : 47 NUTS
COMM TYPE : 10 ALMONDS, ROASTED, SHELLED
PACK SIZE : 12 12/2 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/04 - 11/30/04					
001	FRESNO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,540	_____
002	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,540	_____
003	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	770	_____
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	770	_____
004	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,540	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/04 - 12/15/04					
005	COMMERCE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	385	_____
	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,155	_____
006	NATIONAL CITY	CA		1,540	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/05 - 01/15/05					
007	AMERICUS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	740	_____
	DOUGLAS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	800	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				10,780	

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV212
 INVITATION : 026
 COMM GROUP : 47 NUTS
 COMM TYPE : 11 ALMONDS, NATURAL, SHELLED
 PACK SIZE : 12 12/2 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/04 - 11/30/04					
008	AMERICUS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
	DOUGLAS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,090	
009	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,540	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				3,080	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				13,860	



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 Commodity Procurement Branch
 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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