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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: July 28, 2004

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 002

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 **1 p.m., Central time, Wednesday, August 25, 2004**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 23, 2004. Deliveries are to be made from November 16, 2004 through November 30, 2004.

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:

Natural Thompson (sun-dried) 24/15 oz. pkgs. 1,728 cases
Seedless Raisins

*****Please review the new Announcement and Specifications, FV307
for Dried Fruit prior to submitting bids.*****

- **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.**
- **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 .93746 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 : 002
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					
001	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	TRUCK ONLY	1,728	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				1,728	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				1,728	


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