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Agricultural Marketing Service

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NOTICE

As a result of a lawsuit filed in the United States Court of Federal Claims, the Department of Agriculture has agreed not to award any contracts for raisins or raisin products until the court issues its decision in the case. The parties will file their briefs by November 22, 2004, and the court will set a hearing date as soon as practicable thereafter. Accordingly, the Department of Agriculture requires that each bidder for the following solicitations inform the Department of Agriculture of the status of its bid:

Announcement FV307, Invitation 004

Announcement FV307, Invitation 005

Announcement FV307, Invitation 006

Announcement FV307, Invitation 007

Announcement FV307, Invitation 008

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Sincerely,

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