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20250

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: May 18, 2004

Shelled Nuts, Announcement FV-212, Invitation 021

"This invitation is for a HUBZone small business set-aside, which also includes farmer-owned cooperatives. See FAR Subpart 19.1305, HUBZone set-aside procedures, and Public Law 106-387, Section 725, respectively."

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, Tuesday, June 1, 2004.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, June 11, 2004. Deliveries are to be made from July 16, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

English Walnut (Small) Pieces	24/1 lb.	74,520 cases
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- 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.
- The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2002 and/or later crop year.
- 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.

Vendors doing business with USDA are required to be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) system before being awarded contracts. If the Offeror is not registered in the CCR database within 48 hours after bid opening, offers will be deemed non-responsive.

Assignees shall be separately registered in the CCR database. Once a contract has been awarded, the Contractor shall not change the name or address for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments in the CCR record for the purpose of assignment of claims.

Offerors may obtain information on CCR registration and annual renewal requirements via the Internet at <http://www.ccr.gov> or by calling 1-888-227-2423 or 269-961-5757.

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. **Please note the first delivery period is July 16, 2004. Please don't bid on this delivery period if you cannot deliver on time.** 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 : 021
 COMM GROUP : 47 NUTS
 COMM TYPE : 20 WALNUTS, ENGLISH, PIECES
 PACK SIZE : 24 24/1 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/16/04 - 07/31/04					
001	NEWPORT NEWS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	828	_____
	VERONA	VA	TRUCK ONLY	828	_____
002	ATLANTA	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
003	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
004	DETROIT	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/01/04 - 08/15/04					
005	BOSTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	828	_____
	EAST HAVEN	CT	TRUCK ONLY	828	_____
006	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
007	NEW ORLEANS	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,192	_____
	SHREVEPORT	LA	TRUCK ONLY	464	_____
008	PORTLAND	OR	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/16/04 - 08/31/04					
009	CRANSTON	RI	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
010	RUSSELL SPRINGS	KY	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/04 - 09/15/04					
011	BANGOR	ME	TRUCK ONLY	828	_____
	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	828	_____
012	HILLSIDE	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	948	_____
	VINELAND	NJ		708	_____
013	HOMESTEAD	FL	TRUCK ONLY	414	_____
	MIAMI	FL	TRUCK ONLY	414	_____
	WINTER HAVEN	FL		828	_____
014	EAU CLAIRE	WI		855	_____
	MADISON	WI	TRUCK ONLY	801	_____
015	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	TRUCK ONLY	994	_____
	TULSA	OK	TRUCK ONLY	662	_____
016	BELL	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/16/04 - 09/30/04					
017	BELL	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/04 - 10/15/04					
018	BALTIMORE	MD	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
019	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
020	PHILADELPHIA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
021	SUNBURY	PA	TRUCK ONLY	1,242	_____
	WILKES-BARRE	PA	TRUCK ONLY	414	_____

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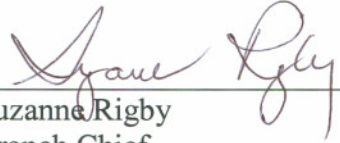
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DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/04 - 10/15/04					
022	MAPLEWOOD	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
023	FAIRFIELD	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
024	FORT COLLINS	CO	TRUCK ONLY	1,242	_____
	SALT LAKE CITY	UT	TRUCK ONLY	414	_____
025	COLUMBIA	MO	TRUCK ONLY	428	_____
	KANSAS CITY	MO	TRUCK ONLY	814	_____
	LINCOLN	NE		414	_____
026	BELL	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/04 - 10/31/04					
027	BIRMINGHAM	AL	TRUCK ONLY	880	_____
	MONTGOMERY	AL	TRUCK ONLY	486	_____
	THEODORE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	290	_____
028	AUSTIN	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
029	MCALLEN	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
030	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
031	TYLER	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
032	SURPRISE	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,173	_____
	TUCSON	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	483	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/04 - 10/31/04					
033	BELL	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/04 - 11/15/04					
034	NORTH MIAMI	FL	TRUCK ONLY	414	_____
	ORLANDO	FL	TRUCK ONLY	445	_____
	WINTER HAVEN	FL		797	_____
035	JACKSON	MS	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
036	DYERSBURG	TN	TRUCK ONLY	1,129	_____
	NASHVILLE	TN	TRUCK ONLY	527	_____
037	BELL	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
038	AUBURN	WA	TRUCK ONLY	1,271	_____
	SEATTLE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	385	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/04 - 11/30/04					
039	BRONX	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____ **
040	BUFFALO	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____ **
041	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
042	ST CHARLES	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
043	BELL	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/04 - 12/15/04					
044	COLUMBIA	SC	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/16/04 - 12/31/04					
045	CONCORDIA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	828	
	DES MOINES	IA	TRUCK ONLY	828	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				74,520	
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