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Washington, DC
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Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Solicitation Mailing List Application, SF-129, Appendix I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) one week prior to bid opening (December 16, 2003) or your company may be considered non-responsible.

FV-212

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: December 2, 2003

Shelled Nuts, Announcement FV-212, Invitation 020

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, December 16, 2003.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Tuesday, December 30, 2003. Deliveries are to be made from February 1, 2004 to June 30, 2004.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

English Walnut (Small) Pieces	24/1 lb.	14,904 cases
English Walnut (Small) Pieces	30 lb.	46,200 cases

- 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.



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 February 1, 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 : 020
 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 02/01/04 - 02/15/04					
001	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	990	_____
	LEXINGTON	SC		666	
002	CONCORDIA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
003	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/04 - 02/29/04					
004	COLUMBIA	SC	TRUCK ONLY	132	_____
	LEXINGTON	SC		1,524	
005	GRANITE CITY	IL		1,656	_____
006	ELMIRA	MI		1,104	_____
	KALAMAZOO	MI	TRUCK ONLY	552	
007	CONCORDIA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
008	BOONVILLE	MO	TRUCK ONLY	1,000	_____
	INDEPENDENCE	MO	TRUCK ONLY	656	
DELIVERY PERIOD 06/16/04 - 06/30/04					
009	LINCOLN	NE		1,656	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 02/01/04 - 02/15/04					
010	CHELSEA	MA	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
011	DANVILLE	VA	TRUCK ONLY	138	_____
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	522	_____
	SPRINGFIELD	VA		660	_____
012	ALEXANDER CITY	AL	TRUCK ONLY	400	_____
	BIRMINGHAM	AL		432	_____
	TUSCALOOSA	AL	TRUCK ONLY	488	_____
013	BIRMINGHAM	AL		576	_____
	CLANTON	AL	TRUCK ONLY	744	_____
014	MOBILE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	400	_____
	ORLANDO	FL	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
	WINTER HAVEN	FL		470	_____
015	ALCOA	TN	TRUCK ONLY	920	_____
	CHATTANOOGA	TN	TRUCK ONLY	400	_____
016	LA SALLE	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
017	BATON ROUGE	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
018	GRAMBLING	LA	TRUCK ONLY	650	_____
	ST MARTINVILLE	LA	TRUCK ONLY	670	_____
019	MCALESTER	OK		1,320	_____
020	AMARILLO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	185	_____
	LUBBOCK	TX		154	_____
	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	981	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 02/01/04 - 02/15/04					
021	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
022	INDEPENDENCE	MO		1,320	_____
023	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
024	BAKERSFIELD	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
025	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/04 - 02/29/04					
026	MIAMI PLANTATIO	FL		1,320	_____
027	CHATTANOOGA	TN	TRUCK ONLY	565	_____
	CLEVELAND	GA	TRUCK ONLY	755	_____
028	BATESVILLE	MS	TRUCK ONLY	580	_____
	LEBANON	TN	TRUCK ONLY	740	_____
029	COLUMBUS	OH		1,320	_____
030	DAYTON	OH		1,320	_____
031	BROWNWOOD	TX		178	_____
	EL PASO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	602	_____
	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	540	_____
032	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX		1,320	_____
033	INDEPENDENCE	MO		1,320	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/04 - 02/29/04					
034	FOREST GROVE	OR		528	_____
	KENT	WA		462	_____
	SPOKANE	WA		330	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/01/04 - 03/15/04					
035	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,320	_____
036	AMERICUS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	420	_____
	DOUGLAS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
037	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	3,960	_____
038	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	660	_____
	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	660	_____
039	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/01/04 - 04/15/04					
040	JOHNSON CITY	TN	TRUCK ONLY	389	_____
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	271	_____
	SPRINGFIELD	VA		660	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/16/04 - 04/30/04					
041	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	660	_____
	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	660	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 06/16/04 - 06/30/04					
042	INDEPENDENCE	MO		1,320	_____


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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 61,104

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Contracting Officer

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