



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.

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Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: June 9, 2004

Frozen Fruit, Announcement FV-301, Invitation 005

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to schools and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **9 a.m., Central time, Thursday, June 10, 2004**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, **June 10, 2004**. Deliveries are to be made from August 1, 2004 through October 31, 2004.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Frozen Apricots, Sliced	20 lb. box	51,300 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.

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-301, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Fruit dated April 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-301, 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.

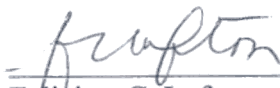
Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV301
 INVITATION : 005
 COMM GROUP : 31 FRUIT, FROZEN
 COMM TYPE : 60 APRICOTS, SLICED, FROZEN
 PACK SIZE : 20 20 LB .BOX

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/01/04 - 08/15/04					
	MT JACKSON	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,900	
002	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	3,800	
	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,900	
	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	3,800	
005	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,900	
006	MCALESTER	OK		1,900	
007	DES MOINES	IA		1,900	
008	MASON CITY	IA	TRUCK ONLY	950	
	SIOUX CITY	IA	TRUCK ONLY	950	
009	CLOVIS	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,900	*
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011	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,900	
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/16/04 - 08/31/04					
012	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	3,800	
013	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,900	
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/04 - 09/15/04					
014	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,900	
015	AMHERST	OH	TRUCK ONLY	950	
	HARTFORD	MI	TRUCK ONLY	950	

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016	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	3,800	
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/04 - 10/15/04					
017	DANVILLE	VA	TRUCK ONLY	193	
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	560	
	SPRINGFIELD	VA		1,147	
	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	3,800	
	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,900	
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/04 - 10/31/04					
	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	5,700	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				51,300	
QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				51,300	


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 Contracting Officer

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