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**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-303

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: May 28, 2004

Frozen Vegetables, Announcement FV-303, Invitation 005

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen vegetables as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to needy family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1:00 p.m., Central time, Tuesday, June 8, 2004**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, June 16, 2004. Deliveries are to be made from October 1, 2004 through October 15, 2004.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Sweet Potatoes, Random Cut, Frozen      6/5 lb pkg      1,320 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 markings 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. Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk. Inquiries about Announcement FV-303, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Vegetables dated April 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, Washington, DC 20250-0239, 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-303, 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.

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ANNOUNCEMENT : FV303  
 INVITATION : 005  
 COMM GROUP : 39 VEGETABLES, FROZEN  
 COMM TYPE : 70 SWEET POTATOES, RANDOM CUT, FRZ  
 PACK SIZE : 40 6/5 LB PKG


ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
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**DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/04 - 10/15/04**

001	CONWAY	SC	TRUCK ONLY	968	_____
	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	352	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 1,320

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 1,320

  
 Felicitas C. Lofton  
 Contracting Officer

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