DATE: July 23, 2004

OFFER TO BUY: Fruit and Vegetable Products

The Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase 38 fruit and vegetable products for distribution to Needy Family and related domestic food assistance programs for Fiscal Year 2005, according to Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The anticipated purchases will be made from offers that must be submitted on a delivered-to-destination price basis. Deliveries will be required from October 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

Products, container sizes, and approximate quantities sought are as follows:

PRODUCT	CONTAINER	U.S. GRADE	NO CASES
	SIZE		
Apple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	122,808
Grape Juice, Ctn	12/46 fl. oz.	A	18,000
Grape Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	13,328
Grapefruit Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	14,280
Pineapple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	25,920
Orange Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	61,880
Tomato Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	35,224
Cranberry Apple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	Per C.I.D.	90,440
Apple Sauce, Cnd	24/300	A	98,820
Plums, Cnd	24/300	В	11,340
Dry, Blackeye Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	18,480
Dry, Lima Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	15,120
Dry, Grt. Northern Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	40,320
Dry, Pinto Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	84,000
Dry,Lt. Red Kidney Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	47,040
Green Beans, Cnd	24/300	В	165,240
Carrots, Cnd	24/300	A	19,440
Corn Cream, Cnd	24/300	В	30,780
Sweet Potatoes, Cnd	24/300	A	12,240
Pumpkin, Cnd	24/300	A	6,480
Spinach, Cnd	24/300	A	6,460

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	SIZE		
Tomato Soup Cnd	24/1	Per C.I.D.	24,200
Tomatoes, Cnd	24/300	В	51,840
Tomatoes, Diced, Cnd	24/300	В	9,720
Tomato Sauce, Cnd	24/300	A	44,370
Potatoes, Sliced, Cnd	24/300	A	53,550
Spaghetti Sauce, Cnd	24/300	Per C.I.D.	110,160
Vegetarian Beans, Cnd	24/300	A	21,420
Blackeye Beans, Cnd	24/300	A	22,950
Light Red Kidney Beans, Cnd	24/300	A	1,530
Refried Beans, Cnd	24/300	No. 2	41,310
Dehydrated Potatoes	12/1 lb.	Per USDA	57,500
Syrup, Corn	12/24 oz.	Per USDA	15,972
Raisins	24/15 oz	В	1,728

PLEASE NOTE: This announcement does not commit USDA to purchase specific quantities or particular products. The quantities described in this FOOD PURCHASE REPORT are estimates and are intended to provide only general notice of USDA purchasing plans. Those plans are subject to change. Actual purchases will depend upon prices and quantities offered as well as possible adjustments in user requirements.

Invitations to bid, including final details and specifications, will be sent to processors. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Invitation to Bid

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. Room 2546 - South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4517 or our Internet Site: www.ams.usda.gov/cp.