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Agriculture

Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Appendix-I, 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-responsible.

Marketing and
Regulatory
Programs

FV-320

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Agricultural
Marketing
Service

No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors.

Washington, DC
20250

Date Issued: May 10, 2004

Miscellaneous Products, Announcement FV-320, Invitation 006.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell miscellaneous products as indicated below and per the Announcement for donation to the Child Nutrition Program. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Tuesday, May 18, 2004. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Tuesday May 25, 2004. Deliveries are to be made from June 16-30, 2004.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Fresh Potatoes for Processing Bulk-(40,000 lbs.) 1,440,000 lbs.

In addition to the commodity specifications located in FV320-CS1, please include the following:

- a. Grade – U.S. No. 2 Processing or better
- b. Pack – Bulk
- c. Size- Whole potatoes shall be not less than 1 ½ inches in diameter, or usable pieces shall be not less than 4 ounces in weight
- d. Varieties shall include: Shepody, Ranger, Umatilla, and Russett Burbank, Altura
- e. The grade requirements referred herein are defined in the United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes for Processing effective on the date of the Invitation
- f. Sugar or Sugar end content criteria – Based on individual processors specifications.
- g. Specific Gravity Specification – Based on individual processors specifications.

Loading tolerance of product – 40,000 lbs. net minimum.

Inspection and certification – documentation is required to support that the product is U.S. grown.

Product may be inspected at the point of delivery.



For payment purposes, ensure that all documentation is included as provided in Announcement FV320, Section X. Invoices and Payments

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. 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?](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-320, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Miscellaneous Products dated June 2003, 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 20250-0239, 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 basis, subject to Announcement FV-320, 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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 INVITATION : 006
 COMM GROUP : 89 MISC PROD BULK
 COMM TYPE : 20 POTATOES-BULK
 PACK SIZE : 90 BULK

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (LBS)	PRICE PER (LBS)
DELIVERY PERIOD 06/16/04 - 06/30/04					
001	EASTON	ME	TRUCK ONLY	800,000	_____
002	CALDWELL	ID	TRUCK ONLY	400,000	_____
003	TWIN FALLS	ID		240,000	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				1,440,000	

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Contracting Officer

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