



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

**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-responsive.

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**This invitation is for Small Business Set-Aside only, see FAR 52.219-6 Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside.**

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FV-308

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Washington, DC  
20250

Date Issued: July 27, 2004

Dehydrated Potatoes, Announcement FV-308, Invitation 002

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dehydrated potatoes as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in Needy Family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, **August 6, 2004**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, August 18, 2004. Deliveries are to be made from October 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

|                             |         |              |
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| Dehydrated Potatoes, Flakes | 12/1 lb | 57,500 cases |
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**No offer will be made to the 8(a) vendors on this invitation.**

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.

**Note:** Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for FY2005. The Government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability in writing from the Contracting Officer.

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-308, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dehydrated Potatoes, 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 basis, subject to Announcement FV-308, 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.

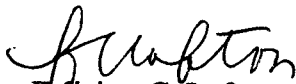
**Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.**

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV308  
 INVITATION : 002  
 COMM GROUP : 37 VEGETABLES, DEHYDRATED  
 COMM TYPE : 10 POTATOES, FLAKES, DEHYDRATED  
 PACK SIZE : 10 12/1 LB PACKAGE

| ITEM NO                                    | DESTINATION CITY | ST | TRANS RESTR | QUANTITY (CSE) | PRICE PER (CSE) |
|--|------------------|----|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/04 - 10/15/04</b> |                  |    |             |                |                 |
| 001  | BATON ROUGE      | LA | TRUCK ONLY  | 700            | _____           |
|  | NEW ORLEANS      | LA | TRUCK ONLY  | 1,800          | _____           |
| 002  | NEW ORLEANS      | LA | TRUCK ONLY  | 2,500          | _____           |
| 003  | ALBUQUERQUE      | NM |             | 2,500          | _____           |
|  | ALBUQUERQUE      | NM | TRUCK ONLY  | 2,500          | _____           |
| 004  | YUMA             | AZ | TRUCK ONLY  | 2,500          | _____           |
| 005  | LONG BEACH       | CA | TRUCK ONLY  | 1,875          | _____           |
|  | OXNARD           | CA | TRUCK ONLY  | 625            | _____           |
| <b>DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/04 - 10/31/04</b> |                  |    |             |                |                 |
| 006  | COLUMBIA         | SC | TRUCK ONLY  | 2,500          | _____           |
| 007  | CHICAGO          | IL | TRUCK ONLY  | 2,500          | _____           |
| 008  | NEW ORLEANS      | LA | TRUCK ONLY  | 2,500          | _____           |
| 009  | LOS ANGELES      | CA | TRUCK ONLY  | 2,500          | _____           |
| <b>DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/04 - 11/15/04</b> |                  |    |             |                |                 |
| 010  | CHICAGO          | IL | TRUCK ONLY  | 2,500          | _____           |
| 011  | FAIRFIELD        | OH | TRUCK ONLY  | 2,500          | _____           |
| 012  | LITTLE ROCK      | AR | TRUCK ONLY  | 2,500          | _____           |
| 013  | KANSAS CITY      | MO |             | 2,500          | _____           |
| <b>DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/04 - 11/30/04</b> |                  |    |             |                |                 |
| 014  | CHICAGO          | IL | TRUCK ONLY  | 2,500          | _____           |
| 015  | DARDANELLE       | AR | TRUCK ONLY  | 503            | _____           |
|  | FORT SMITH       | AR | TRUCK ONLY  | 414            | _____           |
|  | LITTLE ROCK      | AR | TRUCK ONLY  | 1,583          | _____           |
| 016  | ALBUQUERQUE      | NM | TRUCK ONLY  | 2,500          | _____           |
| 017  | LOS ANGELES      | CA | TRUCK ONLY  | 2,500          | _____           |

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| <b>DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/04 - 12/15/04</b> |                  |    |             |                |                 |
| 018  | CHARLESTON       | WV |             | 5,000          | _____           |
| 019  | KANSAS CITY      | MO |             | 2,500          | _____           |
| <b>DELIVERY PERIOD 12/16/04 - 12/31/04</b> |                  |    |             |                |                 |
| 020  | JONESBORO        | AR | TRUCK ONLY  | 1,099          | _____           |
|  | LITTLE ROCK      | AR | TRUCK ONLY  | 1,401          | _____           |
| 021  | ALBUQUERQUE      | NM | TRUCK ONLY  | 2,500          | _____           |
| TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE          |                  |    |             | 57,500         |                 |
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