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**Please 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-207

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: April 26, 2004

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-207, Invitation 090

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to schools and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central time, Monday, May 10, 2004**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, May 24, 2004. Deliveries are to be made from September 1, 2004 through October 15, 2004.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

<b>Dried Cherries</b>	<b>8/2 lb.</b>	<b>3,696 cases</b>
<b>Dried Cherries</b>	<b>4/4 lb.</b>	<b>16,632 cases</b>

- **The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2004 or later crop year.**
- **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**
- **No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.**
- **Manufacturer's own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability of the product.**



- **On “BKLYN/CEN ISLIP NY” destinations, shippers are instructed to call the contact person on the Notice to Deliver first prior to making an appointment, so that they can be directed to which warehouse they will ship the product.**

**Vendors doing business with USDA are required to be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) system, before being awarded contracts. If the Offeror is not registered in the CCR database within 48 hours after bid opening, offers will be deemed non-responsive.**

**Assignees shall be separately registered in the CCR database. Once a contract has been awarded, the Contractor shall not change the name or address for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments in the CCR record for the purpose of assignment of claims.**

**Offerors may obtain information on CCR registration and annual renewal requirements via the Internet at <http://www.ccr.gov> or by calling 1-888-227-2423 or 269-961-5757.**

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-207, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated November 1999 (amended), 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-207, 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 : FV207  
 INVITATION : 090  
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED  
 COMM TYPE : 70 CHERRIES, DRIED  
 PACK SIZE : 10 8/2 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 04/01/04 - 04/15/04  
**ACTUAL DELIVERY PERIOD: 09/01/04 - 09/15/04**

001	CONCORD	MA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
002	SPRINGFIELD	VA		1,848	_____

COMM TYPE : 70 CHERRIES, DRIED  
 PACK SIZE : 11 4/4 LB

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DELIVERY PERIOD 04/01/04 - 04/15/04  
**ACTUAL DELIVERY PERIOD: 09/01/04 - 09/15/04**

003	PHILADELPHIA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
006	ELMIRA	MI		1,848	_____
007	FRESNO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____

DELIVERY PERIOD 06/16/04 - 06/30/04  
**ACTUAL DELIVERY PERIOD: 09/01/04 - 09/15/04**

008	RALEIGH	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
009	FOREST GROVE	OR		1,848	_____
010	KENT	WA		1,848	_____
011	KENT	WA		924	_____
	SPOKANE	WA		924	_____




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DELIVERY PERIOD 04/01/04 - 04/15/04  
**ACTUAL DELIVERY PERIOD: 10/01/04 - 10/15/04**

004	MIAMI PLANTATIO	FL		1,848	_____
005	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,848	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				20,328	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				20,328	

  
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 Contracting Officer

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