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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-307

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: August 9, 2004

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 003

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to Needy Families and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central time, Friday, August 20, 2004**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, August 31, 2004. Deliveries are to be made from October 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dried Cherries 8/2 lb. 44,352 cases

*****Please review the new Announcement and Specifications, FV307 for Dried Fruit prior to submitting bids.*****

- **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.

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-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 2004 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-307, 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 : FV307
 INVITATION : 003
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
 COMM TYPE : 70 CHERRIES, DRIED
 PACK SIZE : 10 8/2 LB

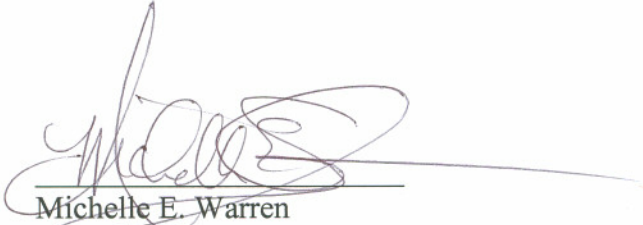
ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/04 - 10/15/04					
001	PHILADELPHIA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
002	ATLANTA	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
003	CHATTANOOGA	TN	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	NASHVILLE	TN	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/04 - 10/31/04					
004	EAST HAVEN	CT	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	SHREWSBURY	MA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
005	WASHINGTON	DC	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
006	JACKSON	MS	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
007	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,294	_____
	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	554	_____
008	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
009	DES MOINES	IA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	KANSAS CITY	MO	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____
	ST LOUIS	MO	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____
010	SURPRISE	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,323	_____
	TUCSON	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	525	_____
011	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/04 - 11/15/04					
012	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	TRUCK ONLY	1,109	_____
	TULSA	OK	TRUCK ONLY	739	_____
013	TYLER	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
014	COLORADO SPRING	CO	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	CONCORDIA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
015	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
016	AUBURN	WA	TRUCK ONLY	1,418	_____
	SEATTLE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	430	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/04 - 11/30/04					
017	BANGOR	ME	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
018	HILLSIDE	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	909	_____
	VINELAND	NJ		939	_____
019	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	TRUCK ONLY	3,696	_____
020	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/04 - 12/15/04					
021	EAU CLAIRE	WI		663	_____
	MADISON	WI	TRUCK ONLY	712	_____
	MILWAUKEE	WI	TRUCK ONLY	473	_____
022	MCALLEN	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/16/04 - 12/31/04					
023	MAPLEWOOD	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				44,352	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				44,352	



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 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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