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Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services

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NOTICE TO TRADE

Qualification Requirements

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking qualified sources for a potential performance based commercial services contract to 1) receive and store commodities for multi-food shipments, 2) accept orders from entities via an Internet based system, and 3) deliver the orders.

The USDA, FSA seeks to qualify a list of potential offerors for a "pilot" for storage and distribution services for the Southwest region of the United States. The future solicitation (FSA-R-001-02KC) will utilize FAR 9.2, Qualification Requirements. The Government intends to only allow proposals from a potential list of offerors with whom this agency has a current Processed Commodities Storage Agreement (PCSA) and meet the requirements listed or who have the capability to meet the requirements prior to proposal submission date

This Notice is to inform all potential offerors of the qualification requirements for the Storage and Distribution Services Pilot Contract for the Southwestern Region of the United States. This information is available on or about August 7, 2002 under Solicitation FSA-R-001-02KC on the Internet web site http://www.fsa.usda.gov/daco/pilotcontract.htm

You are highly encouraged to visit the above mentioned web site and thoroughly review all information. Should you have any questions, please contact Nancy Heintzelman at (816) 926-3036, or via e-mail at njheintzelman@kcc.fsa.usda.gov.

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