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Please Note:
New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). 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-212 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: July 14, 2006

Shelled Nuts, Announcement FV-212, Invitation 029

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Shelled Nuts as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to Child Nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. **Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Friday, July 28, 2006.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, August 9, 2006. Deliveries are to be made from September 16, 2006 to October 31, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Whole Roasted, Shelled Almonds 25 lb. 4,488 cases

- The size of the whole almonds: 34 – 36 A.O.L. (for this invitation only).
- All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.
- No offers will be made to 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 marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.
- All Almonds (Natural Whole and Roasted Whole) must be treated with propylene oxide (PPO) or "plasticized" (heating to soften the nut prior to slicing or slivering), in order to protect from salmonella contamination. Certification that one of two methods has been performed must be provided to the USDA inspector prior to inspection".

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- 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.

Note: **Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is http://orca.bpn.gov. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated Appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm**

However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of their Appendix 1.

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-212, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Shelled Nuts dated October 1999, as 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, SW, Washington, DC 20090-9410, 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-212, 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 single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV212
INVITATION : 029
COMM GROUP : 47 NUTS
COMM TYPE : 10 ALMONDS, ROASTED, SHELLED
PACK SIZE : 25 25 LB CARTON

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/16/06 - 09/30/06					
001	MCALESTER	OK		1,496	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/06 - 10/31/06					
002	CLEVELAND	OH	TRUCK ONLY	748	_____
	OBETZ	OH	TRUCK ONLY	748	
003	DAYTON	OH		1,496	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 4,488

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV212
INVITATION : 029
COMM GROUP : 47 NUTS
COMM TYPE : 10 ALMONDS, ROASTED, SHELLED
PACK SIZE : 25 25 LB CARTON

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 4,488

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