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SUBJECT: Notice Of Responses to Sources Sought Announcement Questions &
Pre-Proposal Conference Survey

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 Sources Sought Announcement (SSA) (posted 3/04/02) was issued for the purpose of conducting market research and allowing commercial storage and distribution facilities to provide comments, suggestions, and questions about the proposed contract. **No solicitation document exists and requests for solicitation will be ignored.**

This Notice is to update all interested parties with answers to questions that were presented to us in your responses to the SSA. Answers to these questions are available on the Internet web site <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

Based on the number of questions asked in the responses to the Sources Sought Announcement, we believe a Pre-Proposal Conference is in order. The conference, tentatively scheduled for mid September, will be held in Kansas City, MO, and will provide additional information about our requirements with the objective of clarifying those requirements through discussion and questions from prospective offerers.

If you are interested in attending a Pre-Proposal Conference, please go to the <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> web site and click on ***Pre-Proposal Conference Survey***. **Please respond to this survey no later than July 31, 2002.**

Warehouse operators with a current Processed Commodities Storage Agreement (PCSA), are highly encouraged to have a representative attend, as valuable information will be provided at the conference. Should you have any questions, please contact Nancy Heintzeman at (816) 926-3036, or via e-mail at njheintzeman@kcc.fsa.usda.gov.

Warehouse operators not currently approved to store USDA-owned commodities are also highly encouraged to attend the conference. You do not presently have to be approved to attend. To request an approval packet, you may contact Mr. Roger Stiles at 816-926-2609 or Mrs. Barbara Williams at 816-926-2699.

/s/
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