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NOTICE TO SUPPLIERS OF EXPORT COMMODITIES

Effective with Export Invitations issued on or after December 13, 2001, for Rice (Announcement MR-17, SIC Code 2044), Peas, Beans and Lentils (Announcement PBL-7, SIC Codes 5159 or 5153), the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will implement a competitive set aside for firms certified by the Small Business Administration for participation in the 8(a) program per Part 19 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation. The set aside will be equal to 5% of the predominate commodity within each of the above referenced announcements in each invitation. If the 8(a) small business firm is a non-manufacturer, they will need to meet the definition and requirements outlined in Part 19 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation for non-manufacturers.

Any 8(a) firm which wishes to participate in this set aside should contact the Export Operations Division, Kansas City Commodity Office, USDA-FSA, at 816-926-6658 or 816-926-6045, for supplemental information which they will need to provide to become an approved bidder, as well as information on the procedures which will be used to evaluate and make awards under the set aside. This pre-bid approval is required of all potential vendors before they can participate in CCC procurements.

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