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NOTICE TO DOMESTIC RICE PRODUCTS SUPPLIERS

SUBJECT: Changes to the Domestic Rice Program

The Farm Service Agency (FSA), beginning with Invitation for Bids (IFB) 085, August 2005, for the Purchase of Rice Products for Use in Domestic Programs Announcement RP2, hereby makes the following changes:

BROWN RICE

In addition to the 25-pound package, FSA will solicit offers for brown rice in 24/2-pound, 30/2-pound and 50-pound packages. FSA will from time to time issue an IFB to sell U.S. No. 1 Brown Rice to USDA for use in domestic programs. Brown rice shall be U.S. No. 1 long grain, medium grain, or short grain brown rice for processing, as defined in the "United States Standards for Brown Rice for Processing" (<http://151.121.3.117/reference-library/standards/standards.htm>) in effect at the time of contract award.

SET-ASIDE INCREASE

The partial Small Business Set-aside quantity will be increased to 20 percent of the total solicitation quantity. Set-Aside Item Numbers are those in the 9000-9999 series. Offers received from other than a small business for small business set-aside items will not be considered unless USDA is unsuccessful in contracting for those items under set-aside provisions. In that event, USDA may award the set-aside item numbers to other than small business.

QUARTERLY SOLICITATIONS

FSA will not issue a Domestic Rice Products IFB in July 2005. IFB 085 which will be released on August 11, 2005, will request deliveries of various rice products to be delivered September, October, November, and December 2005. FSA will conduct quarterly procurements of domestic rice products beginning with the November 2005 solicitation. Offerors should read each IFB carefully to note the date and time that offers are due. Only those offers, modifications, withdrawals of offers, and price adjustments received by the date and local time specified in the IFB will be considered responsive. IFBs are available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/procurement>

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