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Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services NOTICE TO THE TRADE

Farm Service Agency

Kansas City Commodity Office P.O. Box 419205 Kansas City, Missouri 64141-6205 **TO:** All Suppliers of Commodities for Use in Export Programs

SUBJECT: Problems With Downloading Invitations From the EBES

(Electronic Bid Entry System) Website

Some commodity suppliers have been unable to download the invitation from the EBES website. Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) technical staff is working to resolve this issue.

The temporary solution requires the commodity supplier to call this office to either receive the invitation electronically or be guided through a series of steps to work around the problem. KCCO recommends that all commodity suppliers attempt to download the invitation at least 24 hours prior to bid opening time. If there are any problems with the download, please contact either the Help Desk at 816-926-6897 or Michele McKinney at 816-926-1502.

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