

AARQ Association for the Administration of Rice Quotas, Inc.

NOTICE OF OPEN TENDER

Independent bids are invited for rights to ship U.S.-origin milled rice to the European Union under a tariff-rate quota (TRQ) granted by the EU to the United States.

Bids must be submitted on **February 18, 2010** for the **April 2010 TRQ Tranche**, in which the following quantity is available:

| | <u>Volume (metric tons)</u> | <u>EU Duty</u> |
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| Semi-Milled or Milled Rice (HTS item 1006.30) | 19,360 | zero |

TRQ Certificates will be awarded to the highest bidder(s). Any person or entity incorporated or domiciled in the United States is eligible to bid. The minimum bid quantity is 18 metric tons. Performance security (the lesser of \$50,000 or the total value of the bid) must be submitted with each bid. Potential bidders may obtain the required bid forms and bid instructions from:

AARQ Administrator
Economic Consulting Services, LLC
2001 L Street, NW, Suite 1000
Washington, D.C. 20036
Tel: (202) 466-1150 Fax: (202) 785-3330

Note: Potential bidders should consult regulations in the Official Journal of the European Union to determine the applicable tariff rate on semi-milled/milled rice. AARQ disclaims any responsibility for advising potential bidders on applicable tariff rates. Potential bidders should also consult EC regulations relating to testing for unauthorized GMOs.