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SUBJECT: Deadline Extension: State Agency Requests for Participation in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program: Pilot for Canned, Frozen and Dried Fruits and Vegetables

TO: Regional Directors
Special Nutrition Programs
All Regions

State Directors
Child Nutrition Programs
All States

Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) issued a Request for Application for participation in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP): Pilot for Canned, Frozen and Dried Fruits and Vegetables through policy memorandum SP 33-2014, April 7, 2014. The memorandum included guidance and procedures for selection of States and schools and requested that State agencies submit their applications to FNS no later than June 15, 2014.

FNS is extending the deadline for receipt of applications until July 19, 2014 in order to provide interested States additional time to apply for the pilot. Included with this extension notification is the original *Request for Application Guidance and Procedures for Selection of States and Schools*, SP 33-2014. State agencies must follow the guidance and procedures set forth in SP 33-2014. We encourage States to distribute this guidance to their school food authorities (SFAs) as soon as possible and to conduct outreach to those SFAs that are known to experience access issues to fresh produce beyond normal situations.

All applications must be submitted to CNDINTERNET@fns.usda.gov with the subject line "FFVP Pilot" and be received by July 19, 2014. We have received applications from several states and will follow up with them shortly.

State agencies with questions regarding the pilot and application should contact their FNS regional office. Regional offices that need additional information may contact Mara McElmurray at 703-305-2688.

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