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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sponsors Participating in the USDA Foods Program

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DATE: March 18, 2014

SUBJECT: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant Application Now Available

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) is pleased to announce the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) grant application for the 2014-2015 school year is now available. To be considered for the FFVP grant each school must submit a completed application by April 17, 2014. The FFVP provides funding to Arizona schools for the purpose of exposing students to and educating them on the variety of fresh fruits and vegetables available.

The goals of the FFVP are to create healthier school environments by providing healthier food choices, to expand the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience, to increase children's fruit and vegetable consumption, and to make a difference in children's diets to impact their present and future health.

Schools must meet the following criteria in order to qualify for the FFVP:

- Participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Schools must comply with federal and state guidelines for operating the program.
- Be an elementary school. An elementary school is any school that serves lunch to students in grades preschool through 8th grade.
- Have 50 percent or more of its students eligible for free or reduced-price meals. First priority is given to schools with the highest percentage of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals.
- Submit an application for each site that is interested in participating.



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For eligibility purposes, FFVP applicants must use their school's free and reduced-price percentage from October 2013. To determine eligibility for the FFVP please view the October 2013 Free and Reduced-Price Percentage Report at: <http://www.azed.gov/health-nutrition/frpercentages/> .

The FFVP application process has changed and is now a web based application. ADE is currently accepting applications for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable grant in the new Grants Management Enterprise (GME) system. ADE will ultimately transition all grant programs to the GME system through ADEConnect rather than Common Logon. If you are already registered in GME, you may log in with your e-mail address and password at <https://home.azed.gov/Portal>.

If you have not worked with ADEConnect in the past, or are not certain you have the proper credentials, please contact the ADE Support Desk at (602) 542-7378 or adesupport@azed.gov. Your log-in information for the old Common Logon system will NOT work with ADEConnect.

The FFVP application is located in the ADE Grants Management System which can be found at <https://www.ade.az.gov/gme/>. If you are unable to view the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable application or need technical assistance in completing the application, you may contact ADE Grants Management at (602) 542-3470 or grants@azed.gov. Paper applications can be made available upon request and by contacting FFVP Specialist Michael Soto.

Completed applications must be submitted by 1:00 pm Thursday, April 17, 2014 to be considered.

For any questions regarding FFVP or this memo please contact Michael Soto at (602) 542-8704 or michael.soto@azed.gov .



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