

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL _____

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE May 20, 2013

SUBJECT: Contract Abstracts

SUBMITTED BY: Lisa Welborn

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [] ACTION/DESCRIBED
BELOW:**

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []

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Lisa Welborn

**SUMMARY OF
STATE BOARD CONTRACTS**

For State Board Meeting
Date: May 20, 2013

TO WHOM CONTRACT AWARDED	PURPOSE	CONTRACT AMOUNT	FUNDING	END DATES	PROGRAM/ADE CONTACT PERSON
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- Arizona schools that will participate in USDA's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). Eligible schools will be able to apply to receive funds from this program and will be selected by May 17, 2013. Selected schools will be presented at the June 2013 State Board Meeting.

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\$3,312,339 for the 2013-2014 school year. Each participating school will be funded based on enrollment and the funding will range from \$50-\$75 per student.

Section 19, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and a transfer from USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

July 1, 2013 until June 30, 2014

Health and Nutrition Services
Mary Szafranski
Deputy Associate Superintendent

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STATE BOARD MEETING DATE May 20, 2013

SUBJECT: USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

SUBMITTED BY: Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent

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MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: May 9, 2013

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, also known as the 2008 Farm Bill, amended the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) by adding Section 19, the *Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program*. Under Section 19 of the NSLA, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) became a nationwide program starting July 1, 2008. Selected schools from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands participated in the 2008-2009 school year.

The FFVP provides free fresh fruits and vegetables to the students during the school day. The fresh produce is served in addition to the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program. The goals of the program are to increase children's fruit and vegetable consumption and create healthier school environments by providing healthier food choices. The participating schools are encouraged to incorporate nutrition education into the FFVP and also create community partnerships to increase the effectiveness of the program.

For the 2013-2014 school year, Arizona will be allocated \$3,312,339 for the FFVP. Schools eligible to participate in the program must operate the National School Lunch Program, be an elementary school, and must have 50% or more of its students eligible for free or reduced price meals. Schools with the highest free and reduced price percentage will receive priority in the selection process. USDA requires each participating school to be funded based on their school enrollment. The funding range is \$50-\$75 per student per school year.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:

That pursuant to ARS 15-206A, the State Board authorize the Department of Education to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to allow the Department of Education to accept receipt of the above funds and authorize the appropriate expenditures of these funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the program.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [] NO[X]

CONTRACT ABSTRACT

Proposed contract between the **State Board of Education**, acting for and on behalf of the Department of Education and

Name of Contracting Parties:

Arizona schools that will participate in USDA's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP).

Eligible schools will be able to apply to receive funds from this program and will be selected by May 17, 2013. Selected schools will be presented at the June 2013 State Board meeting.

Purpose:

The FFVP provides free fresh fruits and vegetables to students during the school day. The fresh produce is served in addition to the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program. The goals of the program are to increase children's fruit and vegetable consumption and create healthier school environments by providing healthier food choices. The participating schools are encouraged to incorporate nutrition education into the FFVP and also create community partnerships to increase the effectiveness of the program.

The FFVP Specialist will provide technical assistance to the participating schools, such as produce serving ideas, nutrition education curriculum and community partnerships. The FFVP Specialist will also continue to partner with the Arizona Nutrition Network/Arizona Department of Health Services to provide participating schools with free nutrition education materials, such as posters, nutrition education information and handouts, fresh produce recipes and incentive items with the Fruits and Veggies: More Matters logo.

The FFVP Specialist will monitor the Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) participating in the FFVP. Forms of monitoring may include on-site visits, phone-based technical assistance, a self-monitoring form, and reimbursement claim verification.

Contract Amount:

Arizona will receive \$3,312,339 for the 2013-2014 school year. Each participating school will be funded based on enrollment and the funding will range from \$50-\$75 per student.

Source of Funds:

Section 19, the *Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program*, of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and a transfer from USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

Responsible Unit at Department of Education:

Mary Szafranski, Health and Nutrition Services Deputy Associate Superintendent

Dates of Contract:

Funds will be available from July 1, 2013 until June 30, 2014.

Explanation of Contract:

Previous Contract History

The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 established the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Pilot Program as a permanent program beginning with the 2004-2005 school year. Arizona began participating in the program in the 2006-2007 school year and received funding for eight Tribal schools.

The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, also known as the 2008 Farm Bill, amended the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) by adding Section 19, the *Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program*. Under Section 19 of the NSLA, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) became a nationwide program starting July 1, 2008. Selected schools from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands participated in the 2008-2009 school year. During the 2008-2009 school year, Arizona had 33 schools participating in the FFVP; the eight Tribal schools originally funded and 25 additional schools that were selected based on a competitive application process. During the 2009-2010 school year, Arizona selected 49 schools to participate in the FFVP. During the 2010-2011 school year, Arizona was able to increase the number of schools selected to participate in the FFVP to 75 schools. During the 2011-2012 school year, Arizona was again able to increase the number of schools selected to participate in the FFVP to 110 schools. During the 2012-2013 school year, Arizona selected 105 schools to participate in the FFVP.

Method of Determining Contract Amounts

Schools selected to participate in the FFVP must submit an application to ADE. Schools eligible to participate in the program must operate the National School Lunch Program, be an elementary school, and must have 50% or more of its students eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Schools with the highest free and reduced-price percentage will receive priority in the selection process.

USDA mandates that total enrollment of all schools selected to participate in the program must result in a per student allocation of \$50-\$75 per school year. It is unknown at this time how many schools will be selected to participate for the 2013-2014 school year until the applications are received and reviewed. Applications must be postmarked by Friday, May 10, 2013 and the school selection will be completed by Friday, May 17, 2013.

Evaluation Plan

At this time, USDA does not have an evaluation tool developed.