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MEMORANDUM

To: District Superintendent
District School Food Service Director
RCCI Director
District Grant Director

From: Donnell Barton, Director *Donnell Barton*
Child Nutrition and School Health

Subject: NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant

Public Law 111-5, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. For Nevada, ARRA grants \$679,103 to provide equipment assistance to school food authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Funding is being provided to update equipment in either central kitchens, school kitchens or RCCI kitchens which serve more than 50% free and reduced price students.

Requirements for the grant include:

- Documenting schools that qualify based on 50% or greater free and reduced price students
- Providing a need statement for equipment purchase
- Addressing at least one of the four objectives: Increasing participation, increasing energy efficiency, improving the quality of meals based on 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, and improving food safety
- Completing the budget, assurances and providing a statement that the district will provide required documentation as required by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the ARRA

Attached are the NSLP Equipment Assistance Request For Proposal and a NSLP Equipment Grant Question and Answer document. Grant awards are competitive and funding will be based on scoring. Note that all local and state procurement procedures apply. Additionally, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires that sponsors utilize the Buy American provision.

If you have any questions, please contact me at email dbarton@doe.nv.gov or telephone 775-687-9191.