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**United States
Department of
Agriculture**

Dear State Director:

Food and
Nutrition
Service

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Center Drive
Alexandria, VA
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You are invited to apply for a 2011 Team Nutrition (TN) Training Grant(s). TN Training Grants are one of the anchor delivery systems for supporting the implementation of the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) nutrition requirements and the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* in Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) child nutrition programs.

Up to \$5.5 million is anticipated in Fiscal Year 2011 for TN Training Grants, contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. The funding period will be from September 30, 2011, through September 30, 2013. The maximum amount of funding awarded to an individual State will be \$350,000. Each State may submit up to two applications on behalf of all interested Child Nutrition State agencies within that State. States may submit an application for a competitive grant, a non-competitive grant, or both as described below. States must submit separate applications for the competitive and non-competitive grants. If sending two applications, both must be submitted from the same State agency.

Please note the following changes to the 2011 TN Training Grants:

- State agencies (SA) that administer the National School Lunch Program, and/or the Child and Adult Care Food Program are eligible to apply for TN Training Grants.
- Approximately \$2.5 million will be set aside to provide **non-competitive** grants (up to \$50,000) to every SA that commits to specific strategies to increase the number of certified HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSCC) schools.
- SAs that do not choose to apply for a non-competitive HUSCC grant must include a HUSCC component in the competitive grant application.

Critical Dates for the 2011 TNT Grants:

March 15, 2011	Intent to Submit an Application is due to FNS
April 25, 2011	Applications are due to FNS by 11:59 pm EDT
September 2011	TN Training Grants will be awarded

If there are any questions regarding the TN Training Grant RFA, please contact Leslie Byrd, Grants Officer at the Grants Management Division via email at leslie.byrd@fns.usda.gov

Sincerely,

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