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MEMORANDUM

TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Sponsors

FROM: Maureen B. Staggenborg, Bureau Chief
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SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #06C-04 and #06H-04 Awards & Food Safety Resource
1. CACFP 2004 Building for the Future Awards
2. Food Safety Publications

1. CACFP Building for the Future Awards

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service has announced the solicitation of nominations for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) *2004 Building for the Future Awards*. As in the past, the *Awards* will continue to recognize outstanding State agency and sponsoring organization practices that go beyond basic regulatory requirements leading to highly efficient, effective and accessible nutrition programs.

Winners will be announced at the biennial conference of the CACFP National Professional Association in Madison, Wisconsin in April 2004. In addition, winners may be asked to participate in panel discussions during the conference or make a presentation about the program.

USDA expects to make one State agency award, and one sponsoring organization award in each category listed below. Each application must address one of the following areas (for applicants who wish to be considered for more than one area, multiple applications may be submitted):

- A. Enhancing Program Efficiency Through Technology
- B. Innovative Training and Technical Assistance
- C. Outreach and Community Partnerships
- D. Program Integrity
- E. Nutrition Education and Promotion

State agencies and sponsoring organizations may nominate themselves; State agencies may also nominate sponsoring organizations. **It must be noted that the State agency must certify in writing that nominees are in compliance with Program regulations.** The application, entry form with complete instructions, and an explanation of the evaluation criteria are enclosed.

Sponsoring organizations are encouraged to apply if the outlined criteria are met. All nominations must be submitted to the Bureau of Adult Education and Nutrition Programs by **January 9, 2004**, in order to meet the deadline of January 20, 2004 established by the USDA regional office.

2. Food Safety Publications

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service has developed and is making available **free of charge** to CACFP institutions, food safety materials appropriate for food service employees and teachers. There are new materials in Spanish and English as well as materials which were previously distributed.

The information contained in the Child Care Center Fight BAC!™ food safety posters is adapted from the Fight BAC!™ Consumer Campaign created to reduce the incidence of food borne illness. These posters can be used as a training tool and as a daily reminder for food service staff, on basic safe food preparation techniques. The back of the posters include reproducible activity sheets for the classroom, cafeteria, and home.

The information contained in the Thermy™ Posters and Magnets is adapted from the USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service Thermy™ Consumer Campaign. These materials are designed to educate food service employees about cooking specific foods to safe internal temperatures.

Please use the attached form to order directly from USDA. Also note that all of the materials outlined on the order form can be viewed electronically on the Healthy School Meals Resource System website at: [www. http://schoolmeals.nal.usda.gov/Safety/FNSFoodSafety.htm](http://schoolmeals.nal.usda.gov/Safety/FNSFoodSafety.htm)

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