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

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SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #03C-06
2006 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) "2006 Building for the Future Awards". As in the past, these awards will continue to recognize outstanding State agency and institution practices that go beyond basic regulatory requirements leading to highly efficient, effective and accessible nutrition programs.

Applications may be for either 2004, 2005 or both years. Winners will be announced at the biennial conference of the CACFP National Professional Association in Orlando, Florida in March 2006. In addition, winners may be asked to participate in panel discussions during the conference or make a presentation about their program.

USDA expects to make one State agency award and one institution 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 institutions may nominate themselves; State agencies may also nominate institutions. **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.

Institutions are encouraged to apply if the outlined criteria are met. All nominations must be submitted to the Child Nutrition Unit by **November 9, 2005** in order to meet the deadline established by the USDA Regional Office.

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