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**Response to Public Comment 2**



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RE: U. S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS),  
Food Distribution Division  
Response to Comments:  
60-Day Federal Register Notice of Intent to Collect Information  
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Nutrition  
Paraprofessional Training Assessment  
for Indian Tribal Organizations (OMB Control Number: 0584—NEW)  
Comment Period End Date September 19, 2016

Thank you for the insightful comments submitted via <http://www.regulations.gov> on September 14, 2016. We appreciate the expression of support for our efforts to improve the quality of nutrition education provided by FDPIR staff at Indian Tribal Organizations.

The FDPIR Nutrition Paraprofessional Training Project intends to train Indian Tribal Organization staff who work at FDPIR to provide nutrition information to program participants. The goal of the assessment is to form the basis for a pilot training program. The information you provided on existing paraprofessional training programs offered to Native Americans is helpful and we intend to learn more about these programs as we move forward.

We agree that an effective training program for FDPIR staff should be delivered in a culturally competent manner. We intend to incorporate best practice methods for ensuring that this happens.

Keeping Tribal leaders involved with the project is important. FNS is committed to informing Tribal leaders of FDPIR initiatives that will impact staff and participants. FNS will include some Tribal leaders as stakeholders during the assessment interview process and will offer other avenues for their participation as we move forward. We recognize the value of obtaining

feedback from program participants, and while the resources available to us at this time do not allow for this as part of the assessment, we will review participant feedback provided as part of recently completed research on FDPIR.

Please be assured that our intent is to develop a culturally responsive training program that enhances the health of FDPIR participants.

Regards,

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