

**Appendix E8: Thank You Email to LEAs for Interview (Interview-Only LEAs)**

Dear [PARTICIPANT NAME],

On behalf of our study team, thank you for participating in the recent telephone interview for the Evaluation of the Independent Review Process (“IRA Study”). We greatly appreciate your participation. Your responses will provide FNS with information about the effectiveness of the Independent Review of Applications (IRA) requirement for school meal programs, also called the second review of applications.

**[if needed]** As a reminder, please email us any documents that your LEA has created that detail the policies and/or procedures relevant to the IRA process.

If you have any questions about the study, please contact the Westat Study Team at: [study email] or [study phone number].

Thank you again for your support of this important FNS study.

Sincerely,

The Westat Study Team