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DEPARTMENT SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM SPONSORS

BATON ROUGE, La.- The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), through the Division of Nutrition Support, announces it is gearing up to administer the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), which provides healthy meals to children. The SFSP provides nutritious meals to children, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, during the summer months when school is not in session.

The federally-funded Summer Food Service Program is administered on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) through LDOE. Any child aged 18 or younger, or anyone over the age of 18 who is determined by a state or local educational agency to be mentally or physically disabled and who participates during the school year in a public or private non-profit school program, may receive meals through the Summer Food Service Program. The SFSP is held in economically disadvantaged areas, or neighborhoods and communities in which half of the school children are eligible to receive free- or reduced-price meals during the school year. Eligibility may also be determined by census information or individual eligibility of children.

Financial assistance is given to sponsors to help with the cost of obtaining, preparing, and serving food under the program, including administrative costs. Public or private non-profit schools, local, municipal, county, tribal or state government, private non-profits, public or private non-profit camps, and private or non-profit universities or colleges are examples of local organizations that often serve as Summer Food Service Program sponsors. Sponsors must be able to provide a capable staff, managerial skills, and food service capabilities. A sponsor may provide its own meals, purchase meals through an agreement with an area school, or contract for meals with a

food vendor.

Training is available for potential sponsors at the following website: <http://cnp.doe.louisiana.gov>.

The program is also in need of agencies or organizations that are willing to serve as a Summer Food Service Program site. The sites are the physical locations where food is served. Each site location must work with a Summer Food Service Program sponsor that is financially and administratively responsible for the meal service at the site.

Applications are being accepted now through April 15, 2015, from those who wish to participate in the 2015 Summer Food Service Program.

For more information on these programs, contact the Department's Division of Nutrition Support at 1-877-338-3663 or (225) 342-3720.

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