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TO: Subscribers

SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION: Commissioner, TA and SNAP Directors

FROM: Jeffrey Gaskell, Assistant Deputy Commissioner
Employment and Income Support Programs

SUBJECT: Follow-up to GIS 17 TA/DC015 – SNAP Process and Technology
Improvement Grants and Integrated Eligibility System (IES)

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

CONTACT PERSON: Your District's OTDA SNAP Liaison, SNAP Bureau,
(518) 473-1469

The purpose of this GIS is to provide social services districts (districts) with additional information regarding GIS 17 TA/DC015 and the SNAP Process and Technology Improvement Grants that were the subject of that GIS. OTDA has received a few requests from districts requesting letters of support for grant proposals to purchase technology and equipment that is within the scope of the State's Integrated Eligibility System (IES) program that which is now under way.

If your district is considering development of a proposal for a Process and Technology Improvement Grant, we recommend that you discuss your proposal first with OTDA before requesting a letter of support and before committing resources to the development of a proposal so that we can discuss the scope of the IES program as it pertains to any such proposal. Knowing what technology, equipment and business process re-engineering are within the scope of the IES program before developing a grant will help to ensure that whatever technology, equipment or business process re-engineering investment a district pursues will not be duplicative of efforts within the scope of IES and will be capable of being integrated into IES.

As noted in GIS 17 TA/DC015, the grant applications are due to USDA-FNS no later than 11:59 P.M., Monday, June 19, 2017. Letters of support must be requested from OTDA no later than close of business on Friday, June 2, 2017.

If your district would like to have a conference call to discuss a grant proposal, please contact your district's liaison within the SNAP Bureau at: (518) 473-1469 to arrange a conference call.