APPENDIX D6.a

CERTIFICATION SURVEY INFORMATION LETTER FROM STATE AGENCIES - ENGLISH

OMB Number: 0584-XXXX Expiration Date: XX/XX/XXXX

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To: Current WIC Program Participant From: [STATE WIC AGENCY DIRECTOR]

Dear WIC Participant or Parent,

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has contracted with a team of researchers with Capital Consulting Corporation, a company that conducts research in health and human services, and its partners, 2M Research Services and Abt Associates, to conduct a national study of WIC participants. Someone from this research team may contact you to invite you to take part in this important study. The [NAME OF STATE WIC AGENCY] has agreed to take part in the study and has given permission to the researchers to contact randomly selected current, or former, WIC participants for the study.

Participation in the study is voluntary. You (and/or your infant and/or child) will continue to receive WIC benefits and services for which you are eligible whether you participate in the study or not. If you participate in the study, the research team will keep your information private. No personal information about you or your family will appear in study reports. The research team will combine data collected from more than a thousand households across the U.S. and they will remove names, addresses, and other identifying information from the data used in analyses. Your local WIC agency does not know who was randomly selected for the study.

The purpose of the study is to better understand how well the WIC application process is working and how people feel about their experience with the WIC program. Staff at your local WIC agency are not conducting this study. If you have any questions about the study, please call the research team toll free at: 1-866-465-7738.

Sincerely,

STATE WIC AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

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