

Appendix D6: Thank You Email to State Directors

Dear State Child Nutrition Director,

Thank you for completing the online survey for the Evaluation of the Independent Review Process (“IRA Study”). We greatly appreciate your participation and valuable input. Your responses will help 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.

In the next phases of the study, we will select and conduct telephone interviews with 30 LEAs of varying characteristics that have conducted IRA; and collect and review a sample of household applications from 20 of the 30 LEAs interviewed. We will notify you of the LEAs selected to participate in the study before we contact them. We anticipate selection of LEAs to participate in the study will take place in [Season, Year].

If you have any questions about the IRA 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