Appendix G3. Response to National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Comments

In response to the NASS comments, we revised Statements A and B for the Study of School Food Authority (SFA) Procurement Practices to incorporate additional requirements.

- A2. Usefulness of information.
 - i) How the information will be collected:

Needs Clarification - Tables included to summarize the data collection plan for both web survey and the in depth interview (IDI). How was it determined that 10% of respondents would need clarification.

Response: In similar studies, approximately 10% of respondents need clarification.

A3. Information shared with any other organizations inside or outside USDA or the government.

Needs Clarification-. On page 11, it is somewhat confusing when the number of responses were referenced (5,813). It seemed like the sample size had suddenly changed. Perhaps add more clarification to final paragraph on page 11.

Response: The 5,813 responses refer to the total responses presented in the burden table. Text has been added to clarify.

B1. Describe the potential respondent universe and any sampling or other respondent selection method to be used

Needs Clarification- Well described with accompanying tables. Please include clarification on presence of nonresponse bias in first study that is being used to sample from for this survey. They claim they have shown a propensity to participate in their studies but are there any other fundamental differences between respondents and non-respondents.

Response: We have added a footnote (footnote 3) to discuss this information.