

Attachment A.1: Assessment of SNAP E&T Data Introductory Project Team Email

Dear [Contact Name],

We are writing to follow-up with you about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) Data Needs Assessment, sponsored by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). [FNS Contact] from FNS recently emailed you information about this project, which aims to better understand the collection, reporting, and uses of E&T data, and to make recommendations for improvement. FNS has contracted with Mathematica to conduct this project.

[State] is one of seven states invited to participate in this important project. A description of the project, including its objectives and activities, was included with the letter from FNS and is attached to this email for your reference [see Attachment E of this OMB submission]. The project has three primary activities:

- (1) Identify and describe the current State and Federal systems that collect, validate, and analyze E&T data;
- (2) Assess the current and future E&T data needs of Federal, Regional, and State staff; and
- (3) Recommend a plan to improve how Federal, Regional, and State staff collect and use data for E&T program improvement and reporting.

In Summer 2020 we will begin planning for a late Summer/Fall 2020 site visit with staff in your State.

We look forward to working with you on this important project. We would like to set up a call to talk more about the project and answer any questions you may have about participation. Would you be available [insert a few times in about one week after email will be sent]? If you have any questions or would like additional information in the interim, please feel free to contact me at [XXX-XXX-XXXX] or by email at [email address].

Sincerely,

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