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To our contracted vendors:

During this time of disruptions due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Agricultural Marketing Service's Commodity Procurement Program (CPP) will remain fully operational and plans to continue to work with Federal, state, and local partners to purchase and distribute food to participants in domestic and international nutrition assistance programs.

Many schools and other institutions are closed across the country, and there may be other disruptions at warehouses, ports, and distribution centers. This may result in requests to delay or divert deliveries or provide other flexibilities. To avoid delivery issues and challenges, all contracted vendors should:

1. Make and confirm delivery appointments prior to shipping
2. Communicate with CPP Contract Specialists or Contracting Officers for any deviation to contractual requirements

We ask that vendors extend as much flexibility as possible and be assured that CPP Contracting Officers will utilize all available contractual flexibilities and contingencies to continue to serve program recipients effectively during this time.

CPP plans to continue to release solicitations and make purchases for nutrition program operations, the Food Purchase and Distribution Program (trade mitigation), and other purchasing authorities. We thank you in advance for your support and continued participation in these programs.

Sincerely,



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