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POLICY ALERT

Date: June 20, 2011
Reference: # CSFP 2011-04
To: Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) Contracting Entities
Subject: Claims Resolution Act of 2010 – Payments Received Via the Cobell Settlement
Effective Date: Immediately

Purpose
INFORM contracting entities that payments received via the Cobell v. Salazar (Cobell) settlement cannot be counted as income for program applicants and participants.

ADD Item 4212.5, Payments Received Via the Cobell Settlement, to your CSFP Handbook

Implementation
Immediately

Background
Cobell was a class action lawsuit filed by Native Americans regarding Indian land, funds and other assets held in trust by the federal government. A settlement in the lawsuit was reached in December 2009, and the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 was signed into law on December 8, 2010.

Procedure
Add the following to your CSFP Handbook:

4212.5, Payments Received Via the Cobell Settlement

The federal Claims Resolution Act of 2010 requires that monetary amounts received by an individual as a lump sum or a periodic payment from the Cobell settlement must not be counted as income in the month received for persons applying for or participating in CSFP.

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Contact
If you have any questions, please contact Commodity Operations at 877-TEX-MEAL (877-839-6325).

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