POLICY ALERT

Date: June 1, 2008
Reference: # SFSP 2008-9
To: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsors
Subject: Revision to Handbook Section 2000, Item 2112
Effective Date: June 1, 2008

Purpose

REPLACE SFSP Handbook Item 2112, Sponsor Selection Priorities.

PROVIDE clarification on sponsor selection priorities due to recent confusion and questions received.

Implementation

Immediately.

Procedure

Replace Item 2112, Sponsor Selection Priorities, with the following:

Only one sponsor can be approved to serve children in a given target area. When two or more sponsors apply to serve children in the same area, TDA will use the following sponsor selection priorities to determine who will be approved to serve that area:

1. Public or nonprofit private school food authorities;
2. Public agencies and private nonprofit organizations that have demonstrated successful program performance in a prior year;
3. New public agencies; and
4. New private nonprofit organizations.

In addition, if two or more sponsors who fall under the same priority apply for the same area, TDA will consider the following:

- Resources and capabilities of each applicant;
- Timeliness of application submittal; and
- Preference of the site as to which sponsor can best meet its needs.

TDA may allow more than one sponsor to serve the same area if TDA determines a need exists. TDA will make these determinations on a case-by-case basis. An example of a reason TDA might approve more than one sponsor to serve the same area would be that the location of site would require children to cross a heavily trafficked road, and allowing another site on the opposite side of the road would provide safer and easier accessibility to the program. TDA will not allow two sponsors to serve the same area if the result would be that the same children could receive more than two meals or one meal and one snack per day.

Contact

If you have any questions please contact your Food and Nutrition Field Operations Office.

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