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Dear State Agency Director:

I strongly encourage you to attend the upcoming American Commodity Distribution Association (ACDA) Annual National Conference to be held April 23-26, 2017, in Denver, Colorado. This conference provides a national forum for discussing important issues involving the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Distribution Programs. Attendees will gain knowledge and skills from interaction with other State and local agencies, USDA staff, industry, and other partners that help them do their jobs more effectively.

Important topics to be addressed during the conference include procurement, forecasting and inventory management, food recalls, and how to use USDA Foods and local foods together. Program, regulatory, and legislative updates for USDA Foods in schools and household program will also be provided. Information about the USDA Foods Business Management Improvement process will be shared and there will be opportunities to provide feedback on this initiative.

As you can see, the conference will address a wide range of program issues that directly affect State and local agencies involved in the USDA Foods programs, and I strongly urge you to consider attending ACDA this year. Travel to the training is an allowable use of State Administrative Expense funds.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 703-305-2680.

Sincerely,

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Director
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