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United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Dear Tribal Leader:

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Secretary

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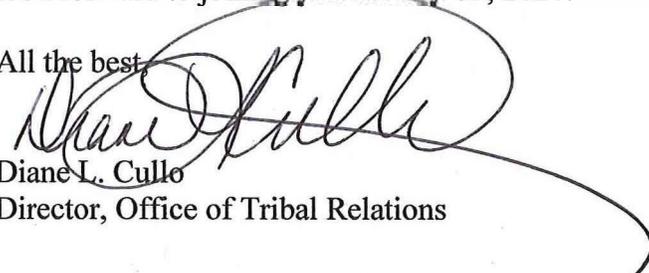
On behalf of the Secretary, you are cordially invited to an upcoming tribal consultation to discuss the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). The purpose of this meeting is to consult on Section 4003(b) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-334, the 2018 Farm Bill) which establishes a demonstration project for one or more Tribal Organization(s) within FDPIR to enter into self-determination contracts to purchase USDA Foods for their Indian Tribe.

Date: **July 15, 2020**  
Time: **2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time**  
Conference Line: **877-692-8954**  
Conference Passcode: **1065181**

In the event you cannot attend and wish to send a proxy, please notify USDA Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) by **July 8, 2020**. To designate a proxy for this meeting, please copy the attached delegation form to tribal letterhead. This designation will authorize your designee, in writing, who will attend in your place and the estimated time of your absence. The delegation cannot be in perpetuity. USDA encourages that your proxy, should one be designated, be an elected tribal leader in recognition of our government-to-government relationship. You are welcome to bring program leadership and staff from your nation to the tribal consultation as observers.

We hope that you will join us for this important discussion. Please contact us at [Tribal.Relations@usda.gov](mailto:Tribal.Relations@usda.gov) to confirm you or your designee's participation and if you have any items for the agenda. Once finalized, the agenda will be posted on the USDA OTR website at: [www.usda.gov/tribalrelations](http://www.usda.gov/tribalrelations). Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to joining you on July 15, 2020.

All the best,

  
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Director, Office of Tribal Relations

Attachment:  
Tribal Leader Proxy Letter Template