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Dear Tribal Leader:

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 continue discussions regarding the priorities and needs of tribal communities who operate FDPIR.

The meeting is scheduled during the upcoming National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations Annual Conference.

Location: Pearl River Resort
13541 Highway 16 West
Choctaw, MS 39350
866-447-3275

Date: Monday, June 10, 2019
Time: 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm Central Time

In the event you cannot attend and wish to send a proxy, please notify USDA Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) by June 5, 2019. 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 me at Tribal.Relations@osec.usda.gov to confirm your or the designee's participation and if you have any items for the agenda. Updates and the agenda will be posted on the USDA OTR website at: www.usda.gov/our-agency/staff-offices/office-tribal-relations-otr. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to seeing you on June 10th!

All the best,

Diane L. Cullo
Acting Director, Office of Tribal Relations

Attachment:
Tribal Leader Proxy Letter