



Food and Nutrition Service

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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SUBJECT: National Multifood Warehouse: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

TO: All FDPIR Program Directors
FDPIR Program Participants

On January 11, 2024, USDA awarded a new contract for the receipt, storage and distribution of USDA Foods for two federal nutrition programs under the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS): the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). The contract was awarded to a current warehouse incumbent, Paris Brothers, Inc., for a contract period of March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025, with four subsequent option years.

Prior to March 1, 2024, FDPIR was supported by two national multi-food warehouse contracts, Americold and Paris Brothers, Inc., and each warehouse supported the program by the following locations:

- Americold (Nampa, Idaho): Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming, and Washington.
- Paris Brothers, Inc., (Kansas City, MO): Arkansas, Iowa, Louisiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin.

As of April 1, 2024, all FDPIR and CSFP programs and locations are being served out of one (1) national multi-food warehouse: Paris Brothers, Inc. in Kansas, City, MO. It is with deep regret that we inform all FDPIR Program Directors, their Tribal leadership, program staff, program participants, and community at-large of the difficulties and challenges Paris Brothers, Inc., has experienced with the transition. We know this directly impacts no one more than program participants, especially Tribal elders and families with children, who rely on these programs and the vital services you provide every day.

We also heard directly from many of you as well as the National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (NAFDPIR) expressing concerns of little to no communication from Paris Brothers, Inc. on delivery dates, last minute delivery cancellation notifications, and unacceptable redelivery timeframes that may impact your local food inventory levels this month and potentially next month. These challenges and impacts to

local FDPIR programs resulted from a failure to perform by our contractor and were not the fault of local FDPIR program operations.

We explicitly extend our deepest apologies to you, your Tribal leadership, program staff, the community at-large, and most notably program participants for the disruption this has caused. We are committed to resolving the issues and are working daily with Paris Brothers, Inc., to mitigate further delivery issues as soon as possible. As this work continues, we will share updates through 30-minute weekly calls beginning the week of June 24th. We will work with you to find a mutually agreeable time for these recurring meetings, so we can share the latest updates and maintain regular communication on this critical issue.

Sincerely,



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