



United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service

Western Region

Reply to
Attn of:

SNAP – 10-6-GU/Waiver

August 15, 2011

Subject:

SNAP- Guam- ABAWD Waiver

To:

Lizbeth Silbermann, Director
Program Development Division
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Attached is a request from Guam seeking a waiver renewal/extension of the work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) mandated by 7 CFR 273.24. The waiver request is supported by documentation from Guam's Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics confirming that there is a lack of sufficient jobs on the island, as requested in the previous waiver approval letter. The labor data is available online at <http://dol.guam.gov/>.

We have reviewed Guam's request and justification. We find that the island has a long history of high unemployment, augmented by the fact the unemployment rate has increased by 4% from the previous fiscal year. We recommend a 2-year approval of the waiver.

If you have any questions regarding the waiver request, please contact Maribelle Balbes at 415.705.1361, ext. 516.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dennis B. Kim", is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

for
DENNIS STEWART
Regional Director
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
Western Region

Attachment

cc: Angela Kline, Chief, CPB, PDD, Alexandria
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