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Mr. Dwight Crudup, Regional Director
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
USDA – Food and Nutrition Service
1100 Commerce St., Room 522
Dallas, TX 75242

RE: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Able Bodied Adults Without Dependent (ABAWDS) Waiver for Fiscal Year 2012.

7 CFR 273.24(f)(2)

Dear Mr. Crudup,

The Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) elects to extend the current ABAWD waiver through Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012. Louisiana qualifies for the extension under FNS regulations that allow states to qualify for a statewide ABAWD waiver if its unemployment is high enough to meet the traditional criteria for extended benefits (EB) under the unemployment insurance program. The EB criteria are established by the Department of Labor and Louisiana is one of 46 qualifying states that meet the unemployment rate required in the DOL Trigger Notice 2011-13, effective April 10, 2011.

If additional information is needed, please contact Kim Matherne by email at Kim.Matherne@la.gov or by telephone at (225) 342-9106.

Sincerely,

Sammy Guillory
Deputy Assistant Secretary

SG/EG

cc: Ruth Johnson, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services

