

**To:** All SFAs Participating in USDA Foods PY 2024

**From:** WI USDA Team DPI

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The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) offers a State Processing Program to School Food Authorities (SFAs) to convert bulk USDA materials into end products. Currently, there are 12 products procured through a state Request for Bid (RFB) process. There is an opportunity to order Beef Patties and Turkey Taco Filling through USDA Direct Delivery (Brown-Box), which is an available spending option for all SFAs in USDA Foods.

We are considering transitioning [C415 Beef Patties](#) and [C600 Pork Taco Filling](#) to USDA AMS procurement. Factors that contribute to this potential change include, but are not limited to:

- 1) SFAs will no longer have to pay an out-of-pocket processing fee per case for these products;
- 2) Product specifications for the Direct Delivery (Brown-Box) options meet the state RFB specifications and nutritional guidelines and;
- 3) USDA has larger buying power and thus reliability of product fulfillment.

Note:

*\*DPI awards to one vendor every 4 years. Therefore, the product offered can change with the contract cycle.*

*\*USDA AMS awards to multiple vendors to fulfill national demand. Therefore, the product offered can change with the contract cycle.*

See attachments to review direct delivery product specifications for more information.

**[Click here to take a short \(~ 3 minute\) anonymous survey by Friday, October 27.](#)** Survey results will be used to determine the state processed products for procurement.

Thank you!

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