

GOOD FOOD PURCHASING POLICY COMMITMENT

As a part of following the Good Food Purchasing Standards, Agency agrees to the following:

We will use our purchasing power to encourage the production and consumption of food that is healthy, affordable, fair, and sustainable. We recognize that the adoption of food procurement policies has the power to reform the food system, create opportunities for smaller farmers to thrive, provide just compensation and fair treatment for workers, support sustainable farming practices, reward good environmental stewardship, and increase access to fresh and healthy foods.

We pledge to leverage our purchasing power, whenever possible, to support the following values:

- **Local Economies:** support diverse, family and cooperatively owned, small and mid-sized agricultural and food processing operations within the local area or region.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Source from producers that employ sustainable production systems to reduce or eliminate synthetic pesticides and fertilizers; avoid the use of hormones, routine antibiotics and genetic engineering; conserve and regenerate soil and water; protect and enhance wildlife habitats and biodiversity; and reduce on-farm energy and water consumption, food waste and greenhouse gas emissions. Reduce menu items that have high carbon and water footprints, using strategies such as plant-forward menus that feature smaller portions of animal proteins in a supporting role.
- **Valued Workforce:** Source from producers and vendors that provide safe and healthy working conditions and fair compensation for all food chain workers and producers from production to consumption.
- **Animal Welfare:** Source from producers that provide healthy, humane, and sanitary conditions for farm animals from breeding to slaughter.
- **Nutrition:** Promote health and well-being by offering generous portions of vegetables, fruit, whole grains, and minimally processed foods, while reducing salt, added sugars, saturated fats, and red meat consumption and eliminating artificial additives.

WE COMMIT OUR AGENCY TO TAKING THE FOLLOWING STEPS IN SUPPORT OF GOOD FOOD:

(1)

As outlined in the Good Food Purchasing Standards, we commit our willingness to meet at least the baseline standard for five value categories – local economies, environmental sustainability, valued workforce, animal welfare, and nutrition.

(2)

Assist in establishing a supply chain accountability and traceability system with suppliers to verify sourcing commitments.

(3)

Report annually on implementation progress of the Good Food Purchasing Standards.

(4)

Participate in the Good Food Purchasing Program, administered by the Center for Good Food Purchasing, and comply with due diligence reporting requirements to verify compliance, measure progress and celebrate success.

TO GUIDE IMPLEMENTATION, WE COMMIT TO THE FOLLOWING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND TIMELINE:

Submit annual, itemized records of each fruit, vegetable, meat/poultry, dairy and grain products purchased by the Agency during desired time period to include:

- i. Product name;
- ii. Unit type purchased (e.g. cases, bunches, packs);
- iii. Number of units purchased;
- iv. Volume per unit (e.g. ounces, pounds);
- v. Name and location of each supplier along the supply chain, to include all distributors, wholesalers, processors, manufacturers, shippers, AND farm(s) of origin; and
- vi. Amount spent by Agency for each product, to include:
 - i. Price per unit;
 - ii. For each individual farm or ranch from which product is sourced, total dollar value spent on each individual product from that farm or ranch.

Total dollar value spent for all food items purchased by the Agency is a requirement of this contract.

First Year – Annual records will be reviewed after the *first year* of the contract to give scores for each of the five categories under the Standards (Baseline Score).

Second Year – These initial Standard scores will become the Baseline Score for performance toward the 5 Standards. In the second year, we expect purchases will meet or exceed the year one scores. Donations will be tracked against the Standards but not required to meet the baseline year one score.

Reference Documents:

- Good Food Purchasing Policy Resolution
- Good Food Purchasing Standards
- Good Food Purchasing Tracking Template

AUTHORIZATION OF POLICY COMMITMENT:

Name of Agency

Name/Title Printed of Authorized Staff Member

Signature/Date