CONTRACT INFORMATION

Contract # **4600042540 / SP-18-0139** is in place for all State Agencies/Facilities that do not have to meet strict K-12 dietary requirements.

- US Communities is the national cooperative that is offering this contract. US Communities is part of the OMNIA Partners National Cooperatives that also includes member National IPA, which the State of Arkansas participates with on several other contracts.
- North Carolina State University is the lead state entity.
- The Master agreement is Contract # 42356. This information can be found in AASIS under the Attachments section.
- The minimum order to be placed per shipment on a Purchase Order is $350.00.

PURPOSE OF THE CONTRACT

- A member of a national cooperative (US Communities) so procurement policies are followed correctly and legally. Contract has a life of 3 years, with options to renew 2 additional years.
- A more consistent guard against price volatility. Prices are regulated via Contracted Manufacturers Agreements (CMA’s).
- Option for different tier of products to meet every need of the agency/facility.
- Example of products now available “On Contract”: specialty grocery items; cups; plates; serving trays; utensils; food prep equipment; gloves; hairnets; ovens; griddles, etc.
- Agency or Facility dieticians can now be more flexible in their menu planning with all of these new options. They can also get help in menu planning and recipes as part of the benefits of these new contracts.