

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: The Food Safety Performance of Ground Beef Suppliers to the National School Lunch Program

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB, SOR,) ERR

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information
USDA [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: This paper examines the food safety performance of suppliers of ground beef to the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Probit regression are used to analyze establishments that bid on contracts to supply the NSLP to examine levels of food safety performance, as measured by fewer samples of meat testing positive for *Salmonella spp.* The paper also analyzes evidence of strategic behavior in which managers use information about their establishment's past food safety performance to decide whether to bid on contracts to supply the NSLP.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers
[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 04/03/14 End: 06/26/14 Completed: 06/26/14

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [] Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [] Yes [X] No
If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:
How:
When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [] Yes [X] No
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [] Yes [X] No



