# Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title:    Characteristics of School Districts Offering Free School Meals to All Students Through the Community Eligibility Provision

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

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

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Subject of Review:    The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the National School Lunch Program allows schools and districts to provide USDA school meals at no charge to all students in high-poverty schools. School reimbursement is simplified by making use of already-collected administrative data, such as participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly food stamps) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), rather than collecting school meal applications. Schools and districts with at least 40% directly certified students (also known as the Identified Student Percentage (ISP)) are eligible to participate in the CEP. This report examines the characteristics of districts that have chosen to participate in the CEP and the characteristics driving participation nationwide using administrative data from USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, the National Center for Education Statistics, and state education agencies.

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Timing of Review (Est.):    Start:    08/21/17    Completed:    01/12/18    Withdrawn:    XX/XX/18

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

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