

## USDA Commodities and Consortia Facts

There are three consortia in the State of Michigan that will participate in the direct diversion of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) commodities for School Year 2010-2011. Each consortium procures distribution and warehousing of USDA commodities as well as processing contracts for commodity diversion for all school districts in its consortium. In addition, the schools that join the consortia will preorder USDA commodities beginning in December 2009 for delivery during the 2010-2011 school year.

The Consortia are as follows:

Great Lakes Consortium (GLC) – Traverse City Public Schools, Fiscal Agent  
Contact: Paul Baumgartner – 616-819-2135 or [BaumgartnerP@grps.k12.mi.us](mailto:BaumgartnerP@grps.k12.mi.us)  
Membership in GLC is available to all schools in Michigan participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

School Purchasing And Resource Consortium (SPARC) – Manistee ISD, Fiscal Agent  
Contact: Katie Petersen – 231-845-5758 or [kpetersen@manistee.org](mailto:kpetersen@manistee.org)  
Membership in SPARC is available to all schools in Michigan participating in the NSLP.

Macomb Oakland RESA (MOR) – Wayne RESA, Fiscal Agent  
Contact: Chuck Wolford – 734-334-1511 or [WolforC@resa.net](mailto:WolforC@resa.net)  
Membership in MOR is available to all schools in the following counties that participate in the NSLP: Macomb, Oakland, Monroe, Livingston, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne.

Questions regarding the consortia should be directed to the contacts listed above.

Each year, all schools participating in the NSLP need to indicate in the Michigan Electronic Grant System (MEGS) whether they want to receive commodities. Membership in a consortium is a commitment for a period of one year. During the month of November each year, the school administrator with level 5 access to MEGS will complete the "Request the Commodity Delivery" for the following school year.

For further information, contact Renee Cratty at 517-373-8642 or Jaime Malnar by e-mail [malnarj1@michigan.gov](mailto:malnarj1@michigan.gov) or by phone 517-335-3792.

**COMPARISON OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY EACH CONSORTIUM SCHOOL YEAR 2010-2011**

SERVICES PROVIDED	SPARC	GREAT LAKES	MOR
Delivery Fee - USDA Donated Commodities	\$2.70 per case	\$2.75 per case	\$2.70 per case
Delivery Fee - USDA Processed Commodities	\$2.45 per case	\$2.50 per case **** see below	\$2.40 per case
Weekly Delivery by Distributors	Yes - 40 case minimum	Yes - \$250 minimum for delivery (Average case cost \$22.50) 12 cases minimum delivery	Yes - \$350 minimum for delivery
Commodity + Commercial on the same truck	Yes	Yes	Yes
Membership Fee	No fee 1st year of membership	\$100 - one time fee	\$250
Third Party Fees (accounting/bidding)	No fees	Average of \$.13/case	No fees
DOD produce	Yes	Yes	Yes
Net Off Invoice (NOI) Products	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fee for Service Commodity Products	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rebate Items	Early payment rebates Commodity and Commercial Case Rebates	Yes	Yes
Discounts	100% of Volume discounts	100% of volume discounts	100% of volume discounts
Contracted Distributor	SYSCO FOOD SERVICE	GORDON FOOD SERVICE	VAN EERDEN FOOD SERVICE
Storage Fees on Donated Commodities	\$.30 per case (after 120 days)	\$.30 per case each month (after 90 days)	\$.25 per case (after 90 days)
ECOS Preordering of Commodities	By SPARC Administrator	By Third Party	By ISD Consultants
Commodity Processing Bids	By SPARC Administrator	By Third Party	By ISD Consultants
Commercial Food Bids	By SPARC Administrator	Varies by Member	By ISD Consultants
Service Area of the Consortium	Entire State with SYSCO Food Service	Entire State with GFS service	<b>Only</b> in Macomb, Oakland, Monroe, Livingston, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne
Contact Info for each Consortia:	Katie Petersen SPARC Executive Director Phone: 231-845-5758 FAX: 231-845-7103 kpetersen@manistee.org	Paul Baumgartner Grand Rapids Public Schools Phone: 616-819-2135 FAX: 616-819-2139 BaumgartnerP@grps.k12.mi.us	Chuck Wolford Wayne RESA Phone: 734-334-1511 FAX: 734-334-1662 WolforC@resa.net
		**** Fee for Service = \$2.50/cs	
		NOI items average = \$1.84/cs	