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**United States  
Department of  
Agriculture**

Food and  
Nutrition  
Service

Northeast Region

10 Causeway St.  
Room 501  
Boston, MA 02222

Courtney Hawkins, Director  
Rhode Island Department of Human Services  
Louis Pasteur Building  
57 Howard Avenue  
Cranston, RI 02920

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Dear Ms. Hawkins:

*Courtney,*

Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) staff from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Financial Management (FM) conducted a review of Rhode Island's (RI) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 New Investment Plan. The primary purpose of this review was to ensure the following: 1) the project was implemented in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, 2) the financial obligations were met and properly reported on the SF-778 Financial Status Report, and 3) expenditures were supported by cost data maintained by your agency.

As you are aware, RI signed the Settlement Agreement on June 28, 2012, and agreed to reinvest \$259,625.50 to improve the administration of SNAP with State-only funds per 7 CFR 275.23(e). RI's FFY 2011 New Investment plan was approved on March 7, 2013. The plan involved hiring a consultant from Change and Innovation to develop a statewide business process redesign and implement the new business processes at the Providence Office.

Our review has determined that RI has not fully met the financial obligation of the Settlement Agreement. FNS FM has validated \$192,125 in acceptable expenditures, which have been reflected on the SF-425 (FNS-778/788). This leaves a balance of \$67,500.50, from the original \$259,625.50, which was not expended. Attached is a bill for a claim in the amount of \$67,500.50.

Pursuant to SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 275.23(j), if Rhode Island does not pay FNS the amount of funds not invested within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter, the State shall be liable for interest on the non-expended funds from the date on which this notification is received. If Rhode chooses to appeal this \$67,500.50 claim (in whole or in part), the interest on any unpaid portion of the claim shall accrue from the date of the decision on the administrative appeal, or from a date that is one year after the date the bill is received, whichever is earlier, until the date the unpaid portion of the payment is received.

If you have any questions, contact me at (617) 565-6397.

Sincerely,

*Bonnie A. Brathwaite*

Bonnie Brathwaite, Director  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
Northeast Region

cc: Yvette Mendez  
Iwona Ramian  
Kimberly Nikolaidis  
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Enclosure

BILL FOR COLLECTION

Billing Agency:

NERO - FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE  
 10 Causeway Street  
 Room 501  
 Boston, MA 0222-1069

Contact: Financial Management  
 Telephone: (617) 565-6446

Bill: FY11 SNAP New Investment

Bill Date: 10/26/17

Due Date: 11/25/17

Payer:

RI Department of Human Services  
 Louis Pasteur Building  
 57 Howard Avenue  
 Cranston, RI 02920

This bill should be returned by the  
 payer with the remittance below.  
 SEE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW

AMOUNT \$67,500.50

DESCRIPTION

CUMULATIVE BILL TOTAL

\$67,500.50

THIS IS NOT A RECEIPT

INSTRUCTIONS

The payment due date is 30 days following the bill date indicated on this notice or the certified mail receipt date, whichever is later. Pursuant to 31 USC 3717, additional charges will be assessed on payments received after the due date, including interest accruing from the date the debt is owed. If the debt is referred to the Department of the Treasury for collection, additional administrative and penalty charges may be added, accrued from the original service date.

Online payments go to <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/fm.htm> and click on "Payments"  
 Online Technical Support: (877) 807-4135 (toll free), Customer Account Support: (703) 305-2078, Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (eastern)

Detach Here.

Please make your payment online at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/fm.htm> (click on "Payments") or mail this portion with your payment.  
 To ensure proper credit please write your **document number** on your check.

Bill: FY11 SNAP New Investment

**Document Number: 1802872570**

Remit Info:

Mail this portion and payment to:

NERO - FOOD AND NUTRITION  
 SERVICE  
 Attention: Accounting Division  
 PO Box 979027  
 St. Louis, MO 631979000

Remit Telephone: (703) 305-2078

Northeast Regional Office  
Supporting Detail

Customer:

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Detail List Of Charges

Reference:	Document Number	Amount
S6019 181818	1802872570	\$67,500.50
Bill Total:		\$67,500.50