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GROUP PURCHASING FOR CHILD NUTRITION

As part of a [K-12 Data Sharing and Analytics Initiative](#), Premier with US Foods and [inTEAM](#)SM have created unique value added content for K-12 Operators using a GDSN integrated software suite ([CN Central](#)) connecting back of the house to front of the house operations through USDA approved menu planning, production records and forecasting tools.

These value-added technology tools work with existing meal planning programs and will be available to you upon acknowledgment of award.

Value added content and tools include:

- An exclusive and integrated menu development module with US Foods product catalogs and ordering
- Standardized product database containing over 70,000 items from GDSN and US Foods with enriched content for child nutrition
- Fully scalable recipes built with standardized items that are electronically synchronized to US Food product codes
- USDA-compliant menus are exportable to 3rd party systems based on industry standards
- Pre-costing during the menu planning process
- Rapid response to food safety incidents
- Electronic comparison shopping for product substitutions and equivalents
- Change notification of US Food items and formulation changes
- Integration with USDA commodity foods products

This joint effort is designed to improve supply chain efficiencies by integrating GDSN (Global Data Synchronization Network) into routine business processes for K-12 Operators to assist in compliance with USDA regulations.

Additional Tools and Support:



- **Forecasting:** CN Central will roll up your planned menus across all sites in a district and the quantities needed to produce each into a dynamic forecast that can be updated in real time. Through the exclusive integration with US Foods, CN Central shares forecast information with US Foods to help alleviate out of stocks and overstocks. Getting accurate forecasting data is essential for your operators to streamline the procurement process and eliminate waste from excess inventory. As your procurement and distribution partner, accurate menu planning forecasts enable us to produce and deliver the right product to the right place at the right time translating to fewer out of stocks and the exceptional service we are committed to provide.
- **Daily Wrap-Up Mobile App:** CN Central provides a tablet-based mobile app for your production staff to view real-time recipe directions, images, and scaled quantities and also collect USDA-required daily production and post-production record quantities. The Wrap-Up app extends CN Central's functionality beyond the computer and into the kitchen, and even supports an offline mode for areas with a weak internet connection
- **Reporting and Analytics:** CN Central will utilize data already collected as part of your daily operational activities to generate data and provide benchmarks key to supporting the success of your child nutrition operation. Reporting and analytics include:
 - Key Performance Indicators (KPI)
 - Compare operational performance metrics throughout your entire district to identify and address outliers
 - Access market data beyond your own operation including cooperative performance, regional as well as national K-12 trends and performance
- **Technical and professional support** from inTEAM's team of child nutrition experts

GDSN is an interconnected network of data and a global registry that enable K12 food manufacturers to standardize a food products identification by using each items GTIN (Global Trade Item Number). Similar to a UPC code that many are familiar with in retail, a GTIN is a standard identifier allows manufacturers to directly provide "real time" nutritional and meal pattern credit information, product images and descriptions for each product in addition to the other common attributes including ingredients, nutritional facts and allergens.

CN Central is integrated into the GDSN data pool for K12 product information. Integration with GDSN means that you can search new products and items you'd like to have on your menus, similar to a google search, review all product specifications such as nutrition information, credible components, purchase unit information and more in a single place and simply click to add that item to your database for use in recipes and menus. This greatly simplifies the effort to build recipes and menus to assist in compliance with USDA regulations.