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Director, Commodity Procurement Policy & Analysis Division  
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Re: Proposed Rule on Procurement of Commodities for Foreign Donation

Dear Sir:

These comments are submitted on behalf of CalDak International LLC to the above referenced proposed rule published by the Commodity Credit Corporation, in the December 16, 2005 edition of the Federal Register (70 FR 747717-74721). CalDak International LLC is an Exporter of dry edible beans and is a member of the North Central Bean Dealers Association, which is a member of the US Dry Bean Council. A significant tonnage of several classes of dry beans are procured and utilized annually by the CCC in its export Food Aid Program. The purpose of these comments is to strongly support the change in the procurement policy of commodities for foreign donation as outlined by CCC in the proposed rule

The CCC proposal would require firm, fixed rate and availability to be submitted to CCC for the purpose of purchase evaluations and bookings in the export of food aid commodities. We agree that adopting the CCC proposal will streamline the procurement process and allow for more efficient acquisition of food aid. These efficiencies will have an overall cost savings for food aid commodities that are desperately needed around the world. As such, budget savings that accrue from the proposal implementation more funds can be made available for the procurement of more foodstuffs's to meet program objectives. Such a result will be beneficial to the many hungry recipients around the world as well as all who participate in the Food Aid Program.

As a member of the NCBDA I am pleased to support the proposed rule and appreciate the opportunity to submit these comments. Thank you

Sincerely

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