

# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

## USDA Food Service Equipment Funding



# PURPOSE of the ARRA?

**Improve**  
**National School Lunch**  
**Program infrastructure**  
*and*  
**Stimulate the American**  
**Economy**



# Eligibility

- ❑ Competitive bid open to any Local Educational Agency
- ❑ *Priority* given to *Schools* in which at least 50% of students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals
- ❑ RFP may include one or many schools (or central kitchen or production kitchens)



# How much and what to purchase?

- Maryland - \$1,231,398.00
  
- To purchase Equipment:
  - New, or
  - Renovation of equipment, or
  - Replacement of equipment
  
  - Allowable cost: Walk in freezer
  - Unallowable cost: renovation of the foodservice area



# Priorities and focus areas:

- **Priorities and Focus Areas include:**
  - **Increasing**
    - **benefits to students**
    - **participation in school meals**
    - **use of locally grown Fruits and Vegetables**
    - **and enhancing quality of school food service**
  - **Improving**
    - **food safety**
    - **energy efficiency**



# Timeline

- RFP sent to LEA's April 7, 2009
- RFP due by May 8, 2009
- Awards made by June 8, 2009
- Funding expected to be *fully expended* within 3 months



# For More Information:

- All information on MSDE's website (flyer)
- LEA's received list of Maryland Grants Coalition offices in each county
- Additional questions?  
Contact us at 410-767-0214  
(see flyer for details)

