



## VENDOR MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS UNIT



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### High Risk Vendor Analysis Project Reminder to Submit Feedback

In the December 16, 2015 News Flash, we provided information about a 12-18 month project that Vendor Management & Operations (VMO) is undertaking to improve how the program assesses high risk vendors among its WIC retail grocer community.

The purpose of this project is to develop a statistically based and supported methodology for analyzing high risk among the WIC vendor community. This new methodology will update and replace the existing USDA approved methodology for analyzing high risk vendors. VMO anticipates having the project completed by September 30, 2016 at which time VMO will submit to USDA for approval.

We are seeking stakeholder engagement from our WIC retail grocer community. We would like to receive feedback from as many of our WIC retail grocers as possible.

Please remember to submit your response to the following questions by email to Paul Gesn at [paul.gesn@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:paul.gesn@dshs.texas.gov) **no later than February 12, 2016.**

- What do you consider as indicators of fraud, waste, and abuse in the retail grocery industry?
- What do you consider as an indicator of high risk considering the industry your business is in?
- Are there certain food products that have a higher risk rating than others? If so, provide a list of those products that are WIC eligible only.