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### **U.S. Agriculture Under Secretary in Oregon to Present Award to DHS**

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#### NEWS ADVISORY FOR NEWS PLANNING

Oregon among most improved states in the nation in reducing food stamp errors

The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) will receive national recognition Tuesday, July 29, when U.S. Agriculture Under Secretary Nancy Johner presents an award to the agency for excellence in Food Stamp administration. Accompanying the recognition is a \$1.7 million award to DHS from USDA.

The award is based on accuracy in payment rates. Oregon has led the nation this year in reducing the error rate for negative actions, such as denying benefits to an eligible family.

This is the second year in a row Oregon DHS has won a Food Stamp bonus award. In 2007 the agency was granted a \$1.9 million bonus for achieving the third highest rate in the country of enrollment of people eligible for food stamps.

The award will be presented to DHS line staff and Director Bruce Goldberg at the annual DHS Accuracy Summit, a gathering of program staff who administer Food Stamp benefits and other services.

**WHAT:** U.S. Under Secretary Nancy Johner to present \$1.7 million award to Oregon Department of Human Services.

**WHO:** Under Secretary Nancy Johner, DHS line staff, DHS Director Bruce Goldberg, Children, Adults and Families Assistant Director Erinn Kelley-Siel.

WHEN: Tuesday, July 29, 8:15 a.m.

WHERE: DHS Accuracy Summit.  
Being held at:

Oregon Military Department Building  
3225 State Street, Salem

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