

**MARYLAND STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE
Louis L. Goldstein Treasury Building
80 Calvert Street, Room 109
Annapolis, Maryland 21401**

**IFB for Farmer's Market Nutrition Program
Check Processing Services
IFB #FMNP-CPS-11272019**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

December 18, 2019

- Q-1. Please provide the difference in the 2 accounts referenced in the IFB and how they are utilized.
- A-1. One account is for the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program ("FMNP") for low-income seniors, referred to as the "Senior FMNP." The second account is for Maryland Women, Infants, and Children participants, referred to as the "WIC FMNP."
- Q-2. How are accounts currently being funded? i.e. Wire, ACH.
- A-2. Deposits are by ACH.
- Q-3. What is the average collected balances for the accounts?
- A-3. MDA has maintained an average collected balance of \$25,000 per account in 2019.
- Q-4. Are you currently using Positive Pay and/or Reverse Positive Pay?
- A-4. No.
- Q-5. What is the current process for visual review? Is this completed manually?
- A-5. Checks are deposited by the farmer into their local bank. Checks are scanned into system. A tape is sent each evening to Federal Reserve Bank. Solutran visually reviews the tapes if there is a problem with a specific check, or requested by MDA.
- Q-6. Can you provide the format for the farmer #?
- A-6. Participating farmers are provided a rubber stamp with a 3-digit number that is assigned by MDA. MDA assigns the next available number.
- Q-7. Is your current provider using a Payables through draft processing?
- A-7. No.