

## **Multi Region Food Cooperative Professional Development**

### **Other Service Offerings 2010 - 2011**

#### **Annual Food Show**

At the food show districts will be able to get information on exciting marketing opportunities from vendors, specialty foods, nutritional analysis for products, how to increase student participation, increase revenues, increase a-la-carte sales, see foods currently available through commercial food purchasing, commodity processing, and view other potential bid items.

#### **See and Share – Multi Region Co-Op Technical Assistance**

For the 2010-2011 school year districts will now be able to get one-on-one service from Region 10 on the topics below. This service will be offered the **1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. beginning August 4, 2010**. Districts will need to be at a computer, with internet access and be able to set aside 15-30 minutes for each session. During the session participants will be able to see the same web page or spreadsheet via the computer to help them better understand what help they need. They will need to sign up for this service via email as they need assistance by emailing Elizabeth Gavett ( [elizabeth.gavett@region10.org](mailto:elizabeth.gavett@region10.org) ). Once the session has been scheduled a link for the session will be emailed to the person requesting this service.

#### **Advisory Council Meetings**

For the 2010-2011 school year Advisory Council meetings will be scheduled as needed to get input on new items that a broker or manufacturer has brought to the district. In addition, items that need to be added to upcoming bids that need student testing will be discussed. A meeting will be scheduled with the Advisory Council when bids are awarded to get input on who should be awarded bids, if they have had any problems with vendors, and what should be awarded.

#### **Student Testing**

Through meetings with vendors or at the recommendation of districts, new items will be tested with districts. For districts that are selected for student testing or districts that request to test items, the Multi Region Co-Op testing procedures are that a minimum of 20 students will be tested and districts will test a minimum of 3 items and a maximum of 6 items. Items that receive an 85% or higher acceptability rating from students will be added to bids.