

# Great Minds Work in Harmony: NUPC and APL

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# Concept of Operations

- Introduction, Panel Members, and Topics
- The existing NUPC database
- FNS awarded tasks for Development and Data Integrity
- **The Development effort is currently underway:**
  - Allows SA's to modify select data elements
  - Provides space for nutrition and ingredients information
  - Includes a rules based engine to screen products
  - Requires a single point for data entry
  - Will create an APL which is ready for distribution

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- **The Data Integrity contractor is responsible for:**
  - Acting on requests to add items to the database
  - Obtaining missing data
  - Standardizing the data
  - Screening products against eligibility criteria (although SA's must still authorize products)
  - Populating the db (Single Point for Data Entry)
  - Notifying SA's of new products for consideration

# Great Minds Work in Harmony

- If only it were so!  
I've promised to involve SA's for 2 years  
That hasn't happened for a variety of reasons  
Trying a new approach this year  
Informal Trials  
Pilot in October  
UAT ?

# Clarification

- KLC and Novo Dia would like to learn more about automated data collection efforts in OH, CA, VA, NY, TX, and other State agencies.
- State agencies must still authorize products
- SA's will be asked only to submit APL's (this does not imply that FNS must approve)
- NUPC db will not be backward compatible with existing Category & Subcategory schemes

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- Forward Manufacturer's product information
- National level data and State level data
- Removing unnecessary data elements such as container type, container size, amount free, etc.
- Converting UOM to reflect quantitative measures (bag, box, carton, can, jar, etc will not be allowed)
- Food items will be assigned to a specific subcategory other than 000