



## April 2014 update

Our project leadership and state team continue to work on securing a contract with Xerox to replace JP Morgan Chase (JPMC) as our EBT contractor for the project. Both the External Reviewer for, and the Commissioner of DII have given a strong “Go” vote to our selection of Xerox, and the current wait is simply for the machinery of state contract approval processes.

As soon as Xerox is on board, their first task will be to review the interface design plans from our WIC enterprise MIS contractor, Ciber, to connect the MIS with the Xerox EBT host. When that is complete, efforts will turn to getting our retailers ready to connect to Xerox for the online EBT transactions.

Vermont state WIC staff are finalizing the new Approved Products List (APL) and food packages that will launch with our pilot, still scheduled for a May 2015 start. Selection of the WIC District Office to serve as the pilot is also underway, and should be done by mid-June 2014.

All of the major plans required for implementation — such things as Training, Testing, and so on — are ready to go. We are reaching completion of our Planning and Design phases, therefore, and hope to officially start Development/Implementation phase on June 1, 2014.