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Dot Foods will acquire foodservice business of Chicago Sweeteners

MT. STERLING, ILLINOIS, July 1, 2005 – Dot Foods, Inc. announced its intent to acquire the foodservice business of Chicago Sweeteners, Inc. (CSI), a Chicago-based foodservice redistributor and distributor of ingredients to food manufacturers.

The acquisition includes Chicago Sweeteners' foodservice inventories and customer list, which is concentrated in the Chicago area and extends throughout the Midwest and Southeast into Florida.

“This acquisition improves our position as the preferred supply source for small to medium-sized foodservice distributors. We intend to complete the transaction within the next 60 days,” said Dot Foods CEO Pat Tracy.

The inventories and customer base will also help support a Chicago metro distribution center, which Dot Foods plans to open within the next year.

“Prior to the opening of our Chicago distribution center, CSI has agreed to assist us with the continued service of customers who pick up product at its facility in Chicago,” said Tracy.

About Dot Foods:

Mt. Sterling, Ill.-based Dot Foods, Inc. is the nation's leading food redistributor serving the foodservice, retail, convenience, equipment & supplies, vending and ingredient channels. The company currently has distribution centers in Mt. Sterling, Ill., Modesto, Calif., Vidalia, Ga.,

Williamsport, Md., Liverpool, N.Y., and Ardmore, Okla. Dot offers a selection of more than 60,000 products from over 450 suppliers delivered weekly to its 3,200-plus customers nationwide.

About Chicago Sweeteners:

Founded in 1979 as a “grocery store for food manufacturers,” Chicago Sweeteners has become a premier source of food and fine ingredients for food, personal care and pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors.

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