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**GOLDEN STATE FOODS NAMES DIMETRIA JACKSON AS
DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY**

Irvine, Calif. (November 20, 2012) -- Golden State Foods (GSF), one of the largest diversified food processors and distributors in the quick service restaurant industry, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dimetria Jackson as director of corporate social responsibility and sustainability.

In this role, Jackson will work cross-functionally with several different divisions and departments across the company. She will lead and assist with directing, designing and implementing external and internal engagement plans to support Golden State Foods' Corporate Social Responsibility Strategy related to sustainability, well being and community involvement, and will coordinate efforts with departments focusing on health and wellness and diversity.

Previously, Jackson served at First American Trust, FSB, as Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer & Corporate Secretary. While with First American Trust, Dimetria managed litigation, negotiated and drafted contractual agreements and provided legal counsel to the chief executive officer and senior managers on investment management, regulatory compliance, banking, fiduciary services, customer complaints and corporate governance. She also managed all compliance-related matters. She also served as a freelance attorney with Montage Legal Group, handling corporate transactional matters.

"We are pleased that Dimetria has joined GSF to help strengthen and increase our resolve to preserve our planet, protect and promote our people and assist in ensuring our customers, suppliers and associates thrive," said John Page, GSF Corporate Vice President and General Counsel. "Dimetria's intellect, drive and determination to marshal GSF's efforts and advance them to a new phase of Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability will be a great asset to our company."

Jackson earned a J.D. degree from the University of Virginia School of Law and an A.B. degree from Dartmouth College. She is the current Orange County Bar Association (OCBA) President and was recently named one of the "20 Women to Watch" by *OC Metro* magazine.

About Golden State Foods

GSF (www.goldenstatefoods.com) is one of the world's largest diversified suppliers to the quick service restaurant industry. Headquartered in Irvine, Calif., GSF is a values-based company with proven performance in superior quality, innovation and customer service throughout the quick service restaurant industry. With approximately 4,000 employees

worldwide, its core businesses include processing of liquid products, meat, produce, bakery and other services as well as full-line distribution to the quick service restaurant industry. The company also runs a national non-profit organization, the GSF Foundation for kids.

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