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Culinary Sales Support is located downtown in the West Loop of Chicago. CSSI functions as both as a culinary consulting firm as well as a full service marketing and agency. With a team of culinary experts and registered dietitians, CSSI provides culinary support to leading manufacturers and the top 250 National Restaurant Chains.