

Office of Partnerships' Stakeholder Newsletter

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Our Vision: A global partnership that protects public health

Our Mission: We make partnerships happen through fostering funding opportunities and promoting mutual reliance

*OP: Office of Partnerships; DI: Division of Integration;
DPIA: Division of Partnerships, Investments & Agreements; DSI: Division of Standards Implementation*

Office of Partnerships' Webpage: Connecting You with the Resources You Need

For Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Officials

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Read about OP's three Divisions and view contact info!

Curious about the programs OP funds? Learn More!

Information on 20.88s and commissioning!

Spotlight

- Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards Cooperative Agreement Program
- Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards (AFRPS)
- Partnership for Food Protection (PFP)
- Rapid Response Teams (RRTs)
- Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS)

Recalls & Alerts

- FDA Press Releases RSS Feed

Office of Partnerships – What we Do

- [Contracts, Grants & Cooperative Agreements](#)
- [Coordination of State Training with ORA OTED](#)
- [Regulatory Program Standards](#)
- [Advancing National Integration](#)
- [Information Sharing](#)
- [Rapid Response Teams](#)
- [Food Protection Task Forces](#)

Navigate the For Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Officials Section

IFSS Programs & Initiatives
Programs and initiatives that advance the national Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS).

Funding Opportunities
Information on grants, cooperative agreements, and contract programs for state, local, tribal, and territorial regulatory partners.

Training Resources
Training resources for state, local, tribal, and territorial regulatory partners.

Communications & Outreach
Information on commissioning agreements, news and regulatory associations.

Office of Partnerships Contacts
Need more information? See a list of contacts who can help answer questions and provide resources for state, local, tribal, and territorial officials.

Resources for Regulatory Partners
Resources and links to documents for regulatory partners' websites.

Tribal Affairs
FDA Engagement with American Indian Tribal Governments - Resources

Resources for You

- Directory of State and Local Officials (DSLOR)
- FDA Oral Culture Learner Project
- State, Local and Tribal Regulatory Partners Welcome to OTED!
- Electronic Laboratory Exchange Network (eLEXNET)
- FDA Retail Food Safety
- Grants.gov
- Counterterrorism and

News and Events

- State Produce Implementation Cooperative Agreement Program (CAP)
- FDA News and Events: Current FDA hosted events and news articles
- Soliciting Peer Reviewers for Various ORA/OP Grant & Cooperative Agreement Programs (PDF - 48KB)

References

- Code of Federal Regulations -
- Manual of Compliance Policy G
- Investigations Operations Manual
- Field Management Directives

Quick Links to Key Resources!

MFRPS – 42 state programs

7 contract programs

>3,500 commissioned officials

FY17 budget of \$112M

\$675k via AFDO for Milk & Shellfish training

Produce Implementation – 43 state programs

AFRPS – 22 state programs

Visit our webpage to learn more about how we make partnerships happen: [For Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Officials](#)
 Ideas? Suggestions? We'd love to hear from you! OP.Feedback@fda.hhs.gov

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Office of Partnerships Welcomes International Activities

By Bruce Ross, MA, MPH, Division of Integration

The International and Federal Engagement Group (IFE), which coordinates work involving FDA and foreign counterparts, is now part of the Office of Partnerships (OP).

Prior to Program Alignment, the IFE operated within the DACRA's Office of Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA) headquarters. Among other activities, the IFE:

- Responds to notifications by foreign regulators that they will conduct inspections of FDA-regulated facilities in U.S. The FDA, when possible, observes or conducts concurrent inspections with these foreign regulators.
- Represents ORA's international perspectives on state-FDA foodborne illness outbreak responses
- Coordinates review of internal FDA policy documents related to international issues on request.
- Coordinates requests by FDA centers to help quickly address broad public health goals
- Addresses information-sharing requests from foreign government regulators with whom FDA partners

FDA's regulatory effectiveness is enhanced by collaborations such as the international [Mutual Recognition Agreement](#) with the European Union. IFE also supports agreements such as the [Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme](#) (PIC/S), under which the FDA may join U.S.-based inspections by other PIC/S members. IFE also engages in [confidentiality commitments](#) with FDA counterparts in foreign countries. These efforts are part of FDA's global public health commitment to make international partnerships a reality.

New online training on information-sharing for state and local public health officials

By Patrick Clouser, Partnership Services Group

FDA shares information with state and local public health officials using two separate programs: 20.88 information sharing agreements and the FDA Commissioning Program. The intent of the new training is to improve state and local officials' knowledge of their roles and responsibilities for safeguarding non-public information (NPI). All state and local regulatory and public health officials who are authorized to receive NPI are strongly encouraged to utilize this new training resource. For more information on commissioning and information sharing agreements, please visit the [Communications & Outreach webpage](#).

Flexible Funding Model (FFM) Cooperative Agreement

By Guy Delius, RS, Division of Standards Implementation

The Office of Partnerships, with assistance from federal and state partners, has developed a new innovative process for Federal-State Cooperative Agreements (CA). The [FFM](#) bundles multiple cooperative agreement programs, reducing the administrative burden on both states and FDA. Anchored in the [MFRPS](#), this model joins the [RRTs](#), [FPTF's](#) and special projects into one CA application. Funding levels are flexible, based on two operational phases and on each state's individual criteria points, allowing for precise and transparent funding for each successful applicant.

What's Going on Around Town?

June

- [122nd AFDO Annual Conference](#)
- [2018 APHL Annual Meeting](#)
- [82nd NEHA Annual Conference](#)

July

- [AAFCO Annual Meeting](#)
- [IAFP 2018 Annual Meeting](#)
- [NACCHO Annual Conference](#)

August

- [Flexible Funding Model](#) Awards Start
- [ICEID 2018](#)
- [PFP Webinar](#): 10th anniversary – details not yet announced

September

- [ASTHO 2018 Annual Meeting](#)
- [2018 NASDA Annual Meeting](#)
- [RRT Program](#) marks 10 years on Sept. 1st

Frequently Referenced Resources:

[2017 Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards](#)
[2017 Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards](#)

[2016 Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards](#)
[2017 Rapid Response Teams \(RRT\) Best Practices Manual](#)