Office of Partnerships' Stakeholder Newsletter

May 2018



OFFICE OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS OFFICE OF PARTNERSHIPS



Barbara Cassens, Director, OP



Alan Tart,
Deputy Director, OP



Bruce Ross, Director (Acting), DI



Abe Brown, Director, DPIA



Tim Weigner, Director, DSI

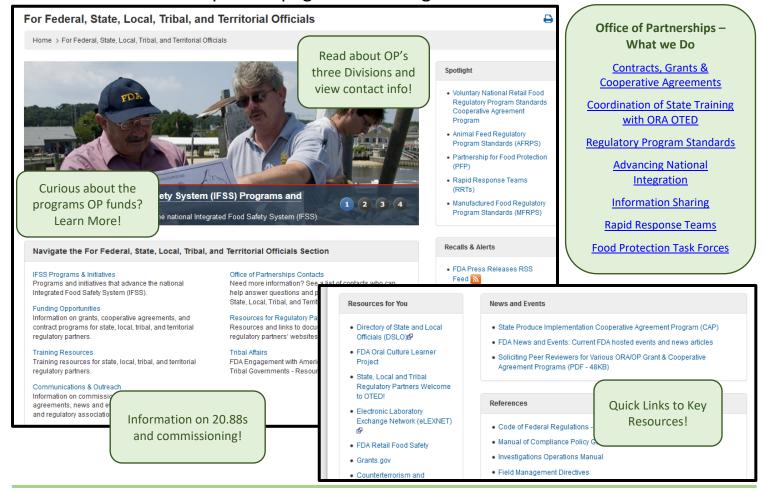
Our Vision: A global partnership that protects public health

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



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: <u>For Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Officials</u>
Ideas? Suggestions? We'd love to hear from you! OP.Feedback@fda.hhs.gov

FDA Office of Regulatory Affairs

Office of Partnerships' Stakeholder Newsletter

May 2018



OFFICE OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS OFFICE OF PARTNERSHIPS

Vision: A global partnership that protects public health

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

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 nonpublic 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?

- 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