

On September 16, 2011, The Office of Acquisition and Grants (OAGs) issued grants at various funding levels to seven institutions for FDA/ORA Division of Human Resource Development. The 7 (seven) grants, which totaled \$7.3M up to \$1.3 M each were issued to:

Below is a list of awardees.

Grantee	City	State
International Food Protection Training Institute	Battle Creek	MI
IOWA State University	Ames	IA
Regents of University of California	Davis	CA
University of Tennessee	Knoxville	TN
AUBURN University	Auburn Univ.	AL
National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)	Denver	CO
North Carolina State University	Raleigh	NC

The primary focus of the awardees/FDA collaborative venture is to design, develop and disseminate food/feed safety training programs that are consistent with the Manufactured and Retail Food Standards, as well as 3rd party criteria for accreditation. This collaborative venture will have a special emphasis on public health safety according to the needs of the FDA and our regulatory and public health counterparts. The primary areas of training will be technical and management areas. If the IFSS training program is to be successful, there must be a recognized standard curriculum that every Federal, State, local, tribal and territorial public health agency should have access to and complete. This cooperative agreement will define the necessary projects, quarterly updates, continued partnerships with academia, and trade organizations for continued FDA and awardees collaboration toward a fully functional national integrated food safety training program. This cooperative agreement will also provide continued support with the result that FDA and awardees can: Design, develop, and implement the IFSS related to training and development; Develop a National Food Safety Curriculum at all programmatic levels (inspector, management, leadership) and build/improve existing course contents to meet or exceed 3rd party accreditation standards, as necessary; Create networking and trust among members of the food protection community, a necessary foundation when developing a national integrated food safety training program. There is a growing need for food safety training programs with a specific emphasis on assisting in the development of a national curriculum at inception of the IFSS program. FDA is committed to the IFSS approach and the support of a national food/feed training program. This project should also incorporate, where possible, the requirements for training set forth in section 209(a) of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, which is consistent with the IFSS Training and Certification vision.

Copy of the Full Public announcement can be found at:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=104573>

For additional information on PI, recipient, funding source and amount, please see

<http://taggs.hhs.gov/index.cfm> which is a public database