

# FDA FACT SHEET

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## FOODSHIELD COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAM

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### Program Description

- FoodSHIELD is an online information sharing platform that was developed in cooperation with the Food Protection and Defense Institute (FPDI).
- It was built upon the CoreSHIELD architecture to enable the sharing of resources through food safety and defense portals, such as the Food Emergency Response Network (FERN) and the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN).
- FoodSHIELD is a secure, web-based system offering a wide range of tools and resources to facilitate information sharing and communication between local, state and federal partners.
- The mission of FoodSHIELD is to provide an online environment that enables these partners to interact and function as a unified network.
- The program also facilitates food safety communication among other government agencies.

### Intended Outcomes

- FoodSHIELD encourages and enables the formation of workgroups, which serve as online communities to share information specific to a particular subject area or project.
- A workgroup can be composed of government representatives from the federal, state, and local levels, as well as non-government officials, including industry representatives, who are invited to a workgroup by a government representative.
- Workgroups are provided tools through FoodSHIELD that enable members across different regulatory jurisdictions and agencies to analyze, synthesize, coordinate and integrate their ideas and efforts to address the vulnerability of the nation's food system.

### Program Metrics:

- Current program funding: \$1.130M
- Current number of awards: 1
- Current partner: Minnesota

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