

FDA FACT SHEET

STATE EMPLOYEE TRAINING COORDINATION PROGRAM

Program Description

- One of the Office of Partnerships' goals is to interact with and serve as the focal point for cooperating state and local officials to promote cohesive and uniform policies and activities in food and drug-related matters.
- One way of accomplishing this goal of uniformity is to offer state agencies, with the same public health responsibilities as the FDA, opportunities to attend select Food, Emergency Response, and Veterinary Medicine FDA training opportunities.

Intended Outcomes

- State attendees benefit from FDA training in a variety of ways:
 - Meeting training requirements on FDA contracts.
 - Improving Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS) conformance.
 - Enhancing overall knowledge of their inspection staff.

Program Metrics:

- Provides Coordination for:
 - Manufactured Food courses
 - Veterinary Medicine courses
 - Emergency Response courses
 - Produce and Sprout courses
- Coordinates approximately 650 state agency attendees per year

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