OFFICE OF PARTNERSHIPS (OP)

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH

U.S. FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF PARTNERSHIPS

OUR VISION

A global partnership that protects public health.

OUR MISSION

We make partnerships happen by fostering funding opportunities and promoting domestic and international mutual reliance and systems recognition.

ABOUT THE OFFICE

OP serves as the ORA focal point for the coordination of cooperative relationships with federal, state, local, tribal, territorial (SLTT), and international regulatory, public health agencies, and associations. OP coordinates with other ORA offices, Office of International Programs, FDA Intergovernmental Affairs Staff, and FDA Centers on collaborations with federal, SLTT, international, regulatory and public health partners to ensure cohesive and uniform application of FDA policy.

We continuously strive to:

- Be creative, flexible and open to new ideas, providing cost-effective and innovative solutions in support of OP, ORA and the Agency.
- Maintain the highest levels of integrity in providing the most efficient, timely and accurate information on Agency policies and procedures that impact our regulatory and public health partners.
- Present an atmosphere of cooperation, courtesy, respect and professionalism.
- Serve as a conduit for our regulatory and public health partners to exchange information.

DSI — DIVISION OF STANDARDS IMPLEMENATION

The DSI coordinates the agency's development and maintenance of regulatory program standards (RPS), such as the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS) and Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards (AFRPS), as well as the Rapid Response Team (RRTs) and Food Protection Task Forces (FPTF) states. DSI provides technical support and guidance to states that are implementing these programs and collaborates across ORA and FDA Centers and external alliances and associations to implement a system of continuous improvement and training for the RPS. DSI also collaborates with ORA's Office of State Cooperative Programs (OSCP) and FDA Centers and associations to provide technical support and guidance for cooperative program areas.

DPIA — DIVISION OF PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENTS AND AGREEMENTS

The DPIA serves as the primary focal point for the coordination of programmatic aspects of ORA's non-training-related contracts, cooperative agreements, and partnership agreements with state, local, tribal, and territorial regulatory and public health agencies, as well as national associations, international partners, and other awardee organizations. In partnership with ORA Office of Management, DPIA coordinates, develops, and manages ORA contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements related to human and animal food, medical products, and regulatory science. It collaborates with other ORA offices, FDA Centers, and FDA Office of Acquisitions and Grants Services, and other federal agencies to ensure cohesive and uniform application of regulations and policies related to the administration of contracts, grants, cooperative agreements and partnership agreements, as well as international funded and non-funded agreements.

DI — DIVISION OF INTEGRATION

The DI formulates strategies to promote and coordinate solutions related to integration of federal, state, and local activities. DI reviews practices, procedures, and processes relative to implementation of a national integrated food safety system (IFSS). It fosters collaborative food safety networks and provides high level support to food safety integration counterparts. DI develops, tracks and reports on performance measures for programs, processes, cooperative agreements, and grants that directly foster mutual reliance and IFSS. DI also coordinates ORA's international activities through information sharing and collaboration with FDA Offices/Centers on international engagements and U.S. facility inspection notifications.

IO — IMMEDIATE OFFICE

OP's Quality Management System (QMS) is implemented out of the Immediate Office (IO). The Partnership Services Group (PSG) within the IO provides for the internal administration of OP while also providing technical and administrative support to the remaining branches. It supports travel and other administrative functions for state officials related to ORA-funded activities. It also coordinates training for state regulatory officials in collaboration with the ORA Office of Training, Education and Development (OTED). PSG supports the commissioning and credentialing of state, local, and territorial officials. Working with OP management and staff, PSG facilitates the development and implementation of OP's strategic plan and standard operating procedures (SOPs) to advance the mission and initiatives of FDA and OP. Budget management, travel monitoring, website maintenance, and data trending and analysis are also performed by PSG.

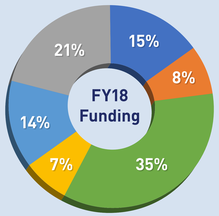
RESULTS OF FEDERAL-STATE INITIATIVE (FSI) FUNDING

ORA's 2018 FSI Budget ($100M+) directly contributes to the improvement and enhancement of the National Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS):

- 20,000 state inspections and visits concerning food, feed, egg, animal tissue and medical devices
- 9,746 state-collected samples
- 41 state laboratories achieving ISO 17025 accreditation
- 43 states in Flexible Funding Model (MFRPS/RRT/FPTF)
- 46 states and one territory in the Produce Safety Infrastructure CAP

FSI COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT OVERVIEW

18 Major Cooperative Agreement Programs (CAPs)
These programs can be grouped into roughly 6 buckets:



- Flexible Funding Model (Manufactured Food Stds, RRT and FPTF) $14,465,597
- Lab Programs/ISO $7,961,283
- Produce Programs $33,733,547
- Retail Standards $6,700,000
- Animal Feed Standards $12,792,525
- Other Uncategorized Programs $19,960,107

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Association Partnership

American Association of Feed Control Officials (AAFCO)
Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)
Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL)
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE)
National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials (NASAHO)
National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH)
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)
National Egg Regulatory Officials (NERO)
National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)
U.S. Animal Health Association (USAHA)

Partnership for Food Protection (PFP)

Leveraging resources, talents, expertise to build and achieve integrated food safety systems (IFSS) and public health outcomes
www.pfp-ifss.org