



February 12, 2016

Dear Tribal Leader:

On February 1, 2016, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) announced an opportunity for funding, in the form of a cooperative agreement, for Native American Tribes Outreach, Education and Training to Enhance Food Safety and Compliance under the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). The outreach, education and training needs addressed in this cooperative agreement will focus on applicable federal preventive controls regulations under FSMA, especially the Produce Safety and Preventive Controls for Human Food rules.

The program to be funded under this cooperative agreement will focus on helping tribal governments and tribal members, including produce farmers, packers and food manufacturers/processors, to understand new Federal rules enacted under FSMA. The program will begin with assessing needs, capacity and infrastructure, building and evolving to curriculum development and/or adaptation delivering training, education and outreach as well as identifying technical assistance resources for tribal audiences affected by the new food safety regulations.

It is anticipated that up to one (1) award will be made, not to exceed \$750,000 in total costs (direct plus indirect), per award for the first year. The award may include future recommended support for two (2) additional years. Full details of the program and funds available may be found at:

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=rfa-fd-16-001>

On Tuesday, February 23, 2016, FDA will be hosting a call to discuss the funding opportunity and the process to submit applications.

Call Information:

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

1-800-619-9064

Participant passcode: 1445638

We look forward to our continued dialogue with the tribal community to achieve food safety goals and ensure thriving food systems.

Sincerely,

Jeff Farrar
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Partnerships