LABORATORY FLEXIBLE FUNDING MODEL (LFFM)

4th Governmental Food and Feed Laboratory Accreditation Meeting
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Tuesday, January 30, 2018
Project Scope: Goal

• Conduct assessment of current state laboratory portfolio, including various CAPs and FERN.

• Combine multiple cooperative agreements into one funding vehicle: Lab Flexible Funding Model (LFFM). LFFM will ensure more effect monitoring, oversight and accountability of the funds.
LGFM Project Timeline

• WG Kicked off September 2017
  – FDA, APHL and State labs

• **Phase I**: Assessment of FDA’s current state laboratory funding portfolio, including various cooperative agreements (CAPs) and contracts

• **Phase II**: Combine multiple CAPs into one funding vehicle: Lab Flexible Funding Model (LFFM)
  – enhanced monitoring, oversight, accountability and flexibility
LFFM Project Timeline

• Planned Outreach:
  – LFFM workshop at MFRP Alliance/ISO F2F - Jan 2018
  – APHL Annual Meeting - June 2018

• LFFM posting targeted for 2019

• LFFM awards targeted for 2020 (*depending on availability of funds*)
2017 Brainstorming Session

• ISO Accreditation should be the foundation of the LFFM structure (17/22 Responses)

• Multiple Pick Option Suggestions:
  – Shellfish, Milk, Retail, FERN, and Whole Genome Sequencing were all mentioned several times
  – Honorable mention = surge capacity and method development
2017 Brainstorming Session

Concerns

• Funding: cost matching, indirect cost rates, and loss of accreditation/personnel in the absence of federal assistance

• Reporting of multiple programs

• Workload (e.g. How do you get samples? Can FDA share sample workload?)

• Data acceptance
Next Steps of LFFM Project

• Completion of Phase I and then start of Phase II
• Based on FDA need identified in Phase I, input from various FDA/State stakeholders and SMEs will be utilized to develop the LFFM structure
  – Feedback from 2017 brainstorming session will be included in review
• Senior Level FDA approval of the LFFM structure
• Posting of the new FOA