Food Protection Task Force Grant Program Update

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FPTF Conference Grant Program

• The State Food Protection Task Force Grant Program was created: IN THE YEAR 2000
FPTF Grant Program Overview

• In 2005, in collaboration with the CDC, the FDA announced the availability of conference grant funding for meetings of State Food Safety and Food Security Task Forces

• This announcement increased the level of funding to $7,000, contingent on continued funding assistance by the CDC
FPTF Grant Program Overview

• In 2008 the FDA assumed total responsibility for the FPTF Conference Grant Program
• The program awarded grants at the $5,000 per year level
• In 2009 the program expanded eligibility criteria to include State Governments, Federally-Recognized Tribal Governments, and City or Township Governments
FPTF Grant Program Overview

• In 2009 we had 17 grantees participating in the program
• In 2011 we had our peak participation at 26 different FPTFs participating in the grant program
• The grant program currently has 16 FPTFs participating
Food Protection Task Forces (FPTF) and Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS)

• How does your Food Protection Task Force fit into an Integrated Food Safety System?

• Look around the room...how many of the FPTFs in this room have you collaborated with?

• How many have you shared your research, resources, and educational materials with?
Food Protection Task Forces (FPTF) and Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS)

• This is not a “gotcha moment”...most of you are working with neighboring FPTFs

• The purpose of this thought-exercise is to get you thinking of additional possibilities and opportunities to collaborate

• With complex systems, “the whole is more than the sum of its parts” -Systems Theory

• The more you collaborate with other FPTFs, the greater the overall impact in an IFSS
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• My personal experience has been that the agency (FDA) sees FPTFs as a valuable intelligence, communication, and dissemination partner

• Are you involving the local FDA District Office personnel to your meetings?

• Implementing an IFSS and establishing “mutual reliance” are key words the agency has been using, how can your FPTF further these concepts?

• What information can you provide to the agency that fosters these objectives? (grantees and non-grantees)
Additional FPTF (potential) Opportunities

• OP is currently working on an existing program to potentially provide additional funds to travel personnel to the conferences

• OP has proposed changes to the FPTF Grant Program to have a focus on FPTF/IFSS-related projects

• OP has proposed a new funding model to decrease the administrative burden and streamline the funding of FPTFs
Additional FPTF (potential) Opportunities

• It is important to note that these are all under review and have the possibility of being changed and are also dependent on the availability of funding

• OP has decided to provide these intentions in the spirit of transparency, but there has not been a final decision on any of the aforementioned (potential) opportunities
Closing Thoughts

• FPTFs are recognized as a key component in implementing an IFSS and establishing the concept of mutual reliance

• How can your FPTF assist in meeting these objectives/goals?

• What information can you provide the agency to initiate critical dialogue and/or points-of-consideration?

• You know your respective states, what does your FPTF see as ways to engage other FPTFs and the agency?
FPTF Feedback

• “Emphasis is placed on fostering communication and cooperation between various state and local food regulatory agencies.”

• “While ‘official’ networks and pathways at the higher level of leadership are necessary…it has also been satisfying to see cross-organizational ‘one on one’ partnerships being formed.”
Burning Questions?
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