



Division of Federal-State Relations

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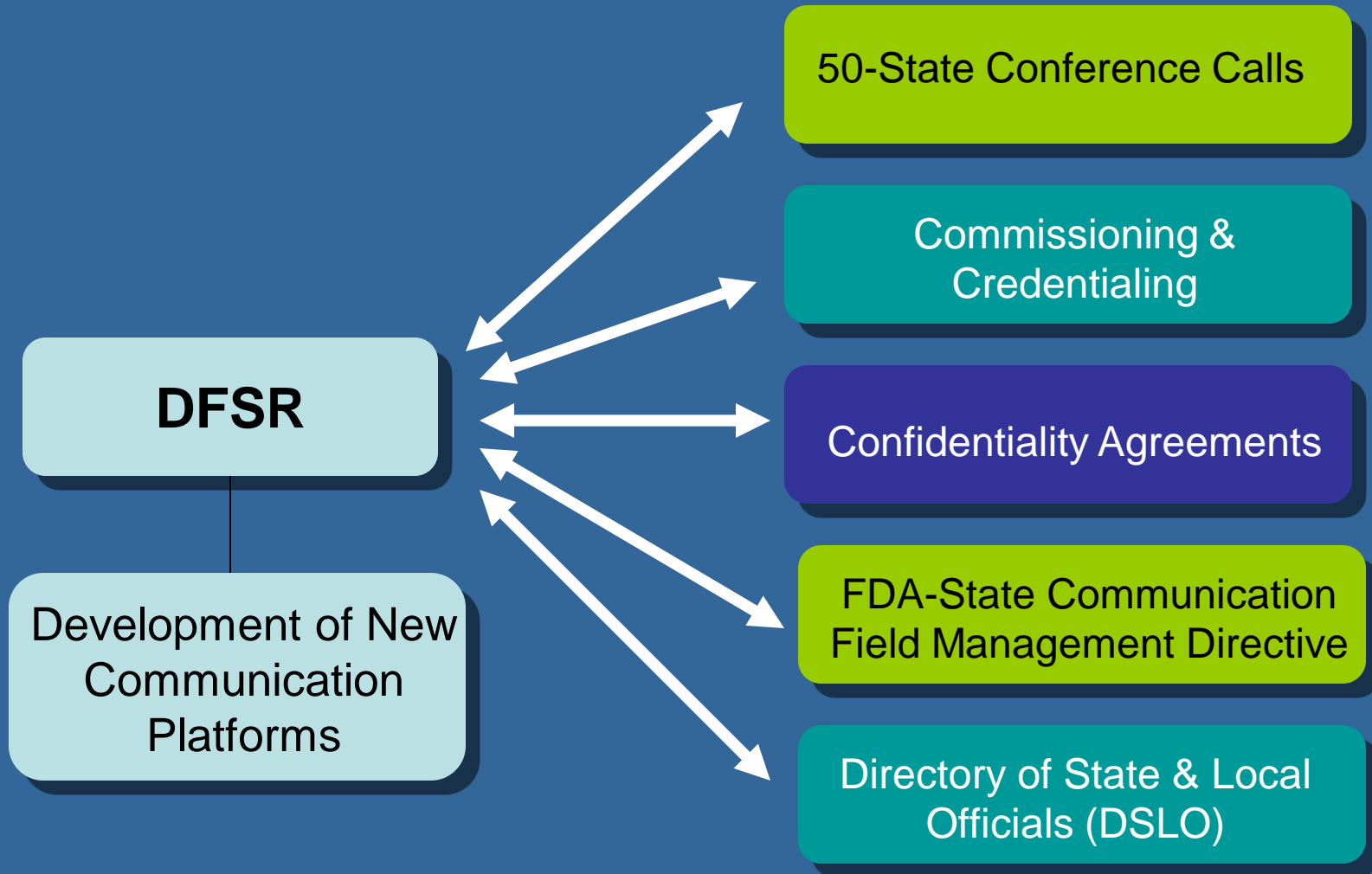
Agenda

- DFSR Initiatives with State Partners
- Communication with State Partners
- Quality Management System
- Program Standards: Food and Feed
- Grants and Contracts
- Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)
Implementation

Initiatives with State Partners



Communication with State Partners





FDA / Office of Regulatory Affairs / Quality Management System (QMS)





Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS)

- 10 Standards to establish a uniform foundation for the design and management of state programs responsible for regulating food plants
- Institute a holistic quality assurance and standardization program



Feed Regulatory Program Standards



National Grain and Feed Association

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FDA PARTNERS WITH AAFCO ON FEED REGULATORY PROGRAM STANDARDS (3/24/11)

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) will collaborate to develop voluntary regulatory program standards for animal feed to enhance uniformity and improve regulatory processes.

An announcement issued March 22 by AAFCO, the professional organization of state and federal feed regulators, intended to promote uniformity, equivalence and continuous improvement among feed regulatory agencies. Regulatory Program Standards developed in 2007. FDA and AAFCO said the new standards will represent programs addressing animal feed and pet food. The standards may encompass the following performance areas: 1) inspection practices and procedures; 2) quality assurance; 3) food/feed defense preparedness response; 4) enforcement and compliance strategies; 5) education and outreach; 6) resource management assessment.

The next step will be for a joint FDA-AAFCO committee to develop the regulatory program standards. Work will be completed and the standards available to states sometime in 2012.

Through its involvement with AAFCO, the NGFA has strongly supported joint collaboration by FDA and AAFCO on training, education and inspection processes to enhance uniformity and reasonable application of regulatory standards.



AAFCO
Association of American Feed Control Officials

Press Release

FDA partners with the Association of American Feed Control Officials to develop Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards

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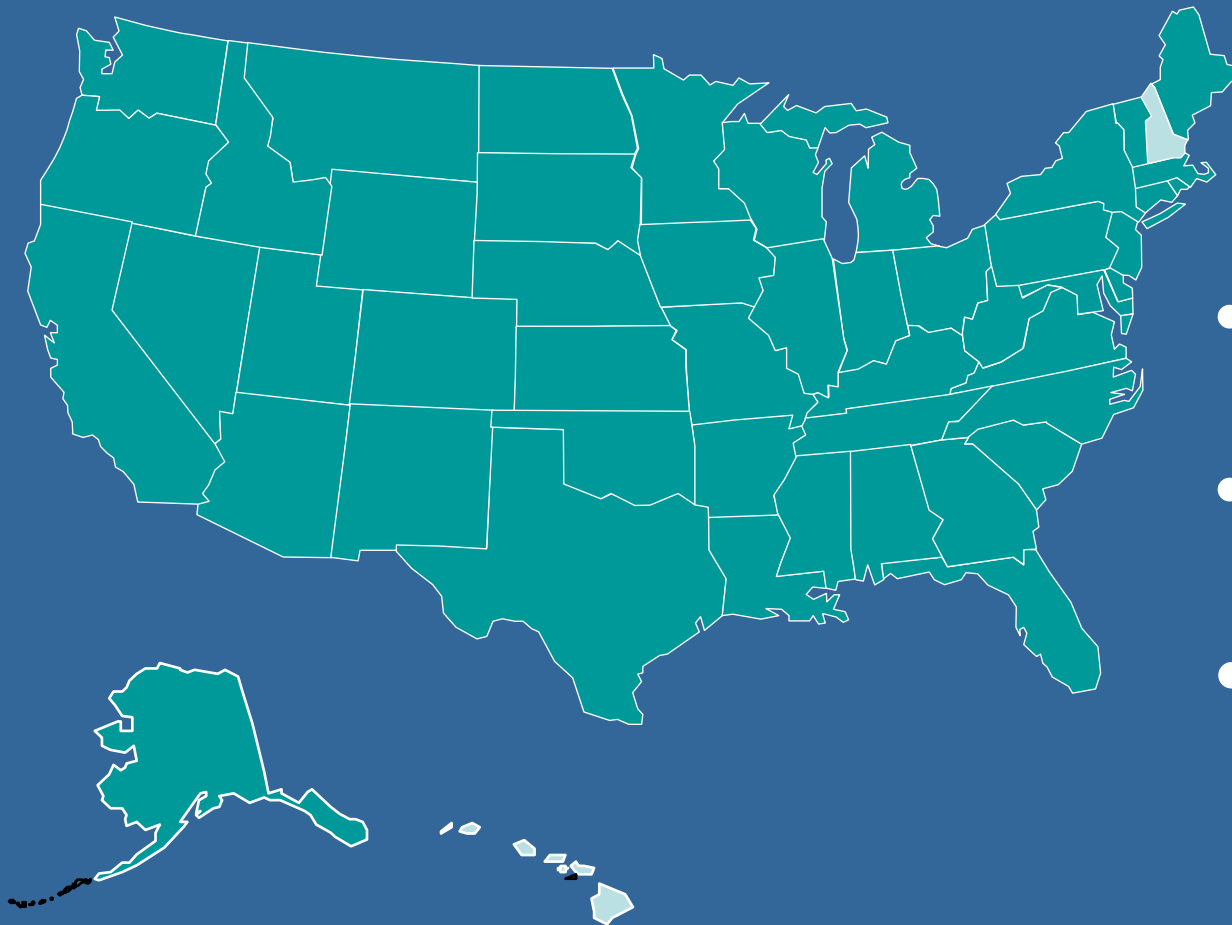
March 22, 2011 – The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will collaborate with the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) to develop voluntary regulatory program standards to foster an industry responsible for regulating facilities that manufacture, pack, distribute or store animal feed, which includes pet food. The Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards (AFRPS) will be modeled after the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards that was successfully launched in 2007 and will similarly represent a significant step in promoting uniformity, equivalency and continuous improvement among feed regulatory agencies – all critical in a successful national integrated food safety system.

Joseph Reardon, Director of FDA's Division of Federal State Relations (FDA/DFSR) made the announcement earlier this year at the 2011 AAFCO Midyear Meeting.

Chad Linton, AAFCO president said, "AAFCO and FDA understand the importance of promoting uniformity across the agencies and will work efficiently and diligently to produce a positive and valuable Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standard that can be used by the states and FDA. We thank the committee members for their dedication and commitment in creating universal standards that will play a critical role in ensuring the safety of our nation's food supply."

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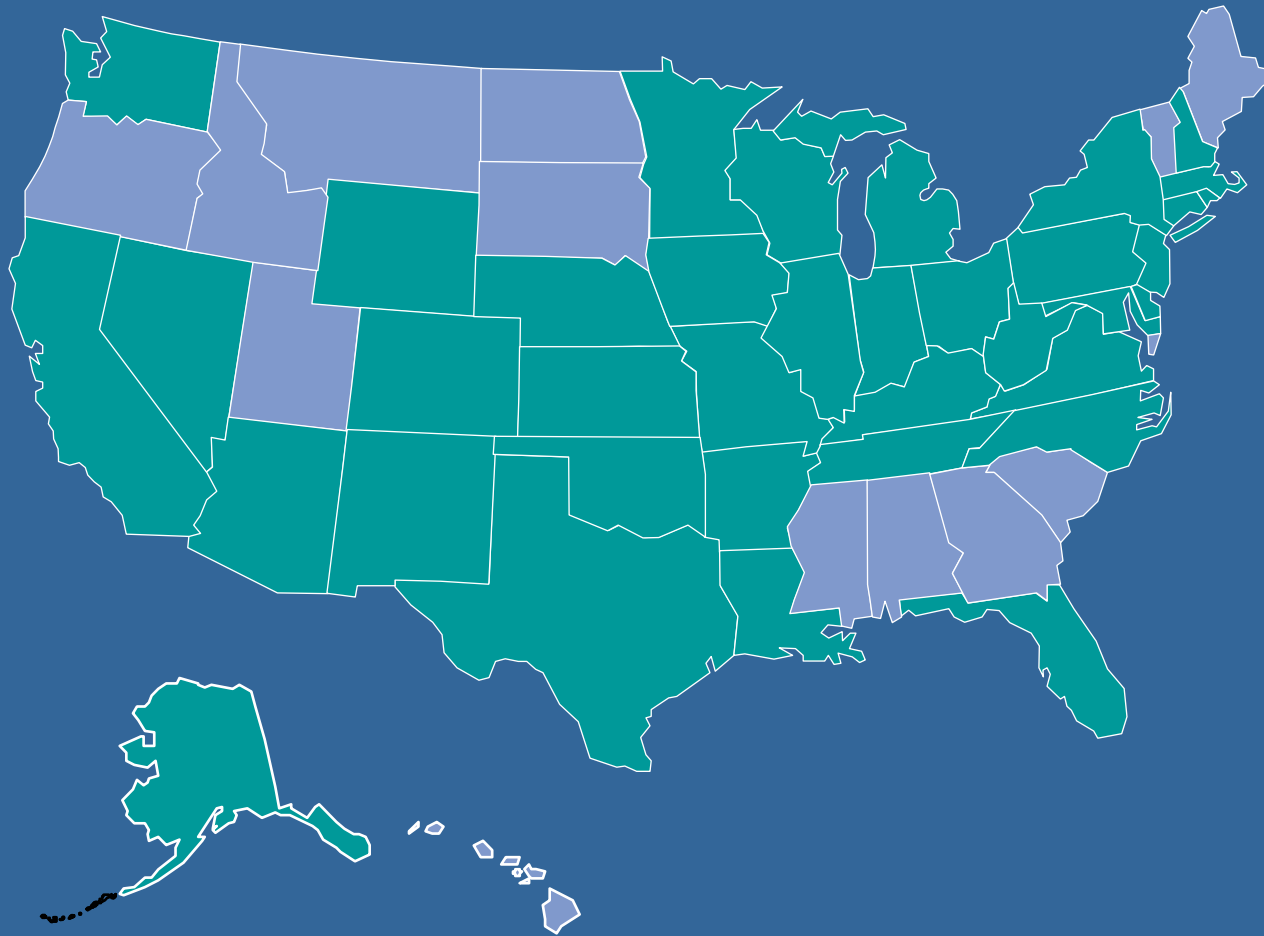
FY 2011 Contracts



- 48 States
- 150 Contracts
- \$30M

 = FDA Contract with State

FY 2011 Grants/Cooperative Agreements

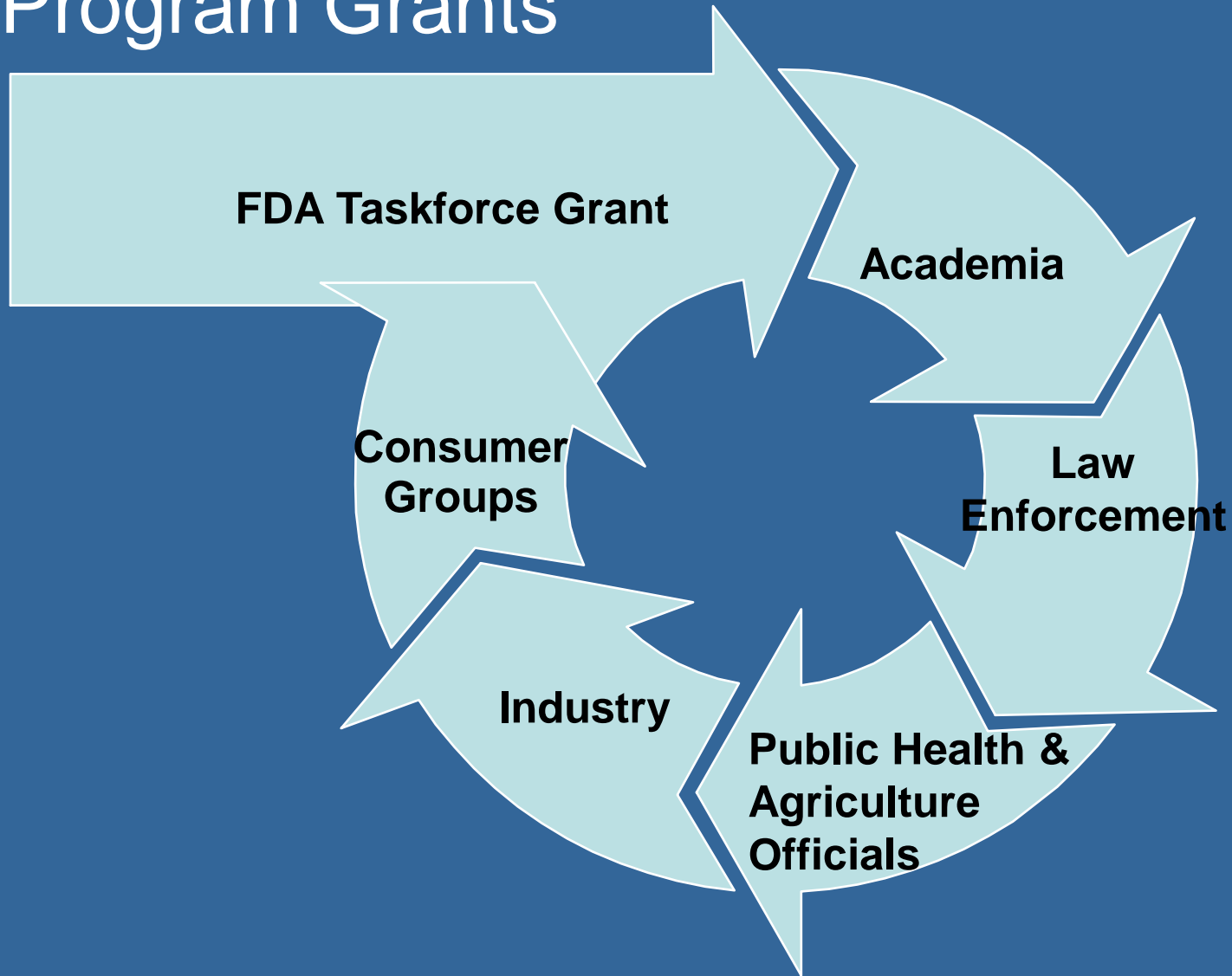


- 38 States
- 84 Grants
- \$18M

 = FDA Funded State Grant/Cooperative Agreement

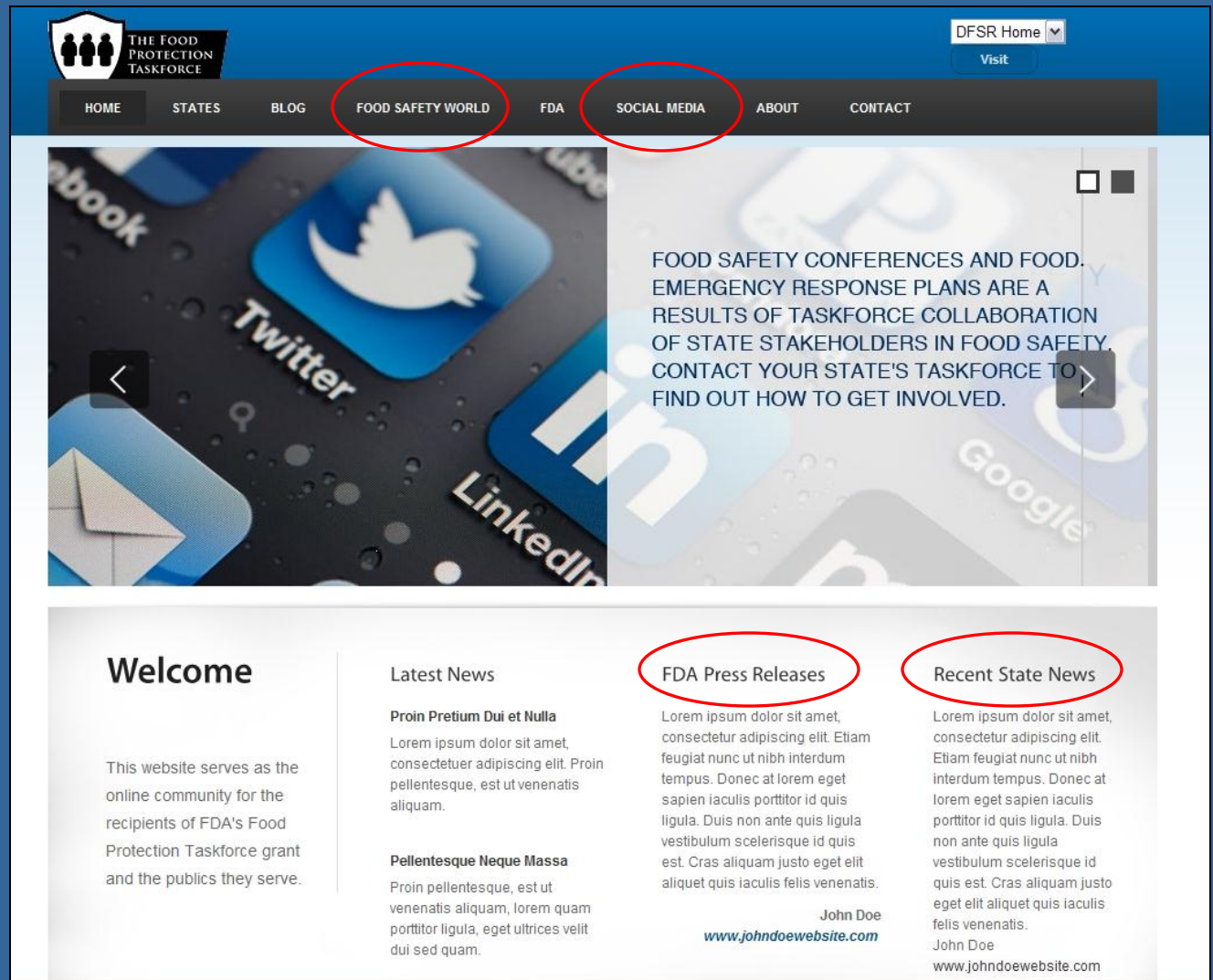


Food Protection Taskforce Conference Program Grants



Food Protection Taskforce Websites

- FDA Press Releases
- Food Safety News
- Social Media
- News in other State Taskforces





Rapid Response Teams – Project Goals

- Develop Rapid Response Capabilities (including ICS)
 - Playbook/Best Practices
 - Metrics - to measure/quantify effectiveness and value
- Improve Program Infrastructure
 - Implementation of the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS)
- Strengthened Collaboration
 - Federal/State/Local
 - Across programs (health, ag, etc.)
 - Across initiatives (IFSS, CDC, etc.)



Food Safety Modernization Act Implementation

- Introduction
- Charges
- Challenges

FSMA Website:

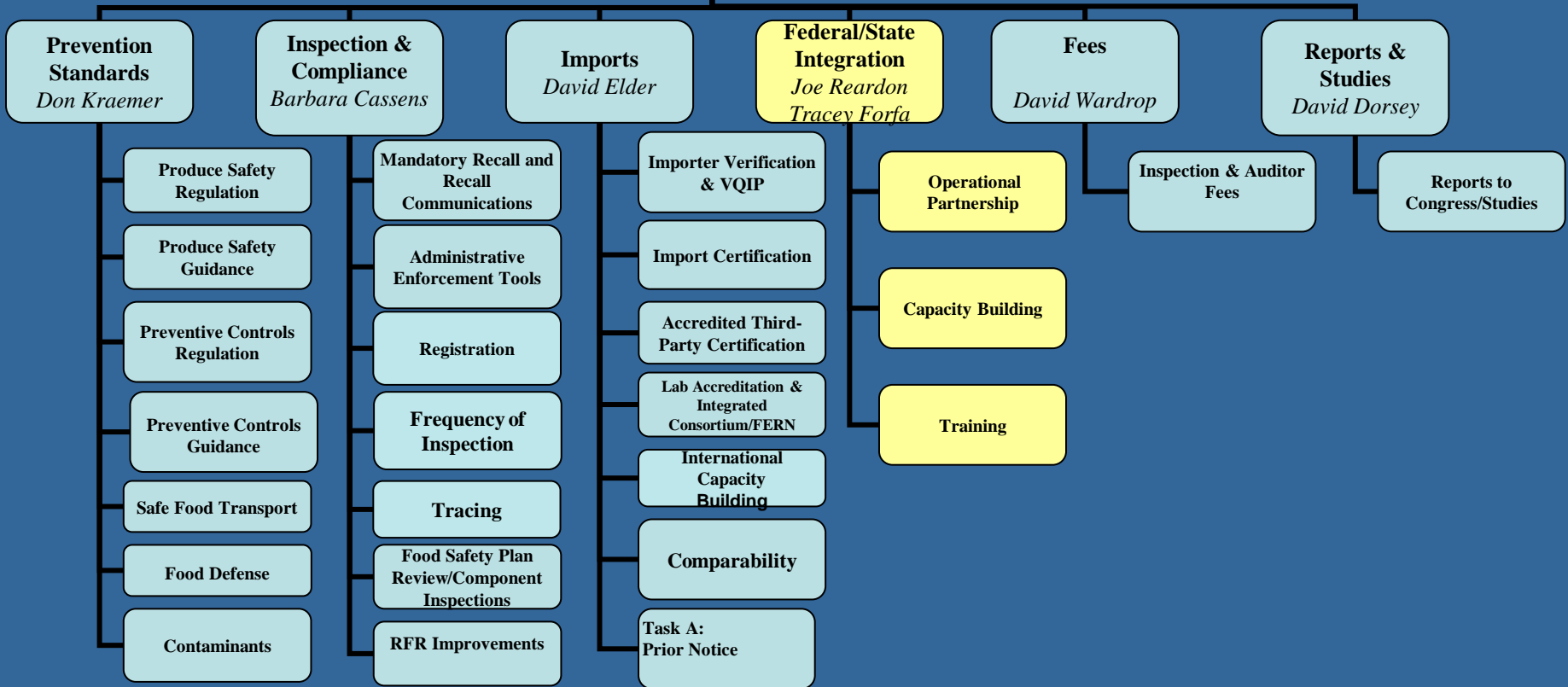
<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/FSMA>



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Main Elements of the Legislation





FSMA and IFSS

- FDA has been working for many years to develop an Integrated National Food Safety System (IFSS)
- In 2008 and 2010 “50-State Meetings” brought together regulatory agencies at the Federal, State, and local levels, resulting in the formation of the Partnership for Food Protection
- The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) passed in January 2011, formally recognized the importance of the IFSS by providing a supportive legislative framework

Benefits of an Integrated Food Safety System

- Increased ability to assess potential risks at domestic food facilities
- More consistent coverage of these facilities across the entire food supply chain
- Greater food surveillance through integration of food facility inspection information
- Improved rapid response capacity and efficiency



Targeting of Inspection Resources for Domestic Facilities

Section 201

- Reliance on inspections conducted by other Federal, State, or local agencies under interagency agreement, contract, memoranda of understanding, or other obligation
- The Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards will provide the foundation and framework to accept work conducted by State and local agencies
- FDA has created an independent audit group that will objectively ensure uniform implementation of the Standards



Improving the Training of State, Local, Territorial, & Tribal Food Safety Officers

Section 209

- Set standards and administer training and education programs for State, local, territorial and tribal food safety officials
- A contract or memorandum of understanding shall serve as the funding mechanism and will include provisions to ensure adequate training
- This will result in inspection staff being uniformly trained to conduct testing, examinations, inspections, and investigations providing greater consistency and equivalency among State programs

Enhancing Food Safety

Section 210

- Provides a legislative mandate, through the grant process, for direct investment in the infrastructure in State and local capacities to carry out food safety programs
- Eligible entities will be able to:
 - Build the food safety capacity of the laboratories
 - Build the infrastructure and capacity of food safety programs
- The grant will work to increase capabilities and capacities of State programs



Surveillance, Section 205

- A review of State and local capacities as well as needs for enhancement will be completed no later than one year after the date of enactment
- This review will assess the current status of State and local food and agricultural regulatory program capacity and needs for enhancement
- A review of current surveys and data gathered from national associations has resulted in the identification of significant gaps. Additional surveys will be conducted to ensure sufficient data coverage
- The combined results of the surveys will be used to develop and implement strategies to leverage and enhance food safety and defense capacities of State and local agencies



Challenges

- Budget cuts and extensive furloughs of State and local employees in the last 24 months have resulted in a substantial reduction of State and local capacity
- Continued investment in national program standards are necessary to achieve steady improvement at the State and local levels
- Improvements in training and certification programs are needed to result in a uniform and consistent approach to food safety
- Develop and maintain an information technology structure that enables efficient data sharing



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