

Food Safety Outreach Program (FSOP)

Multistate Education and Training Projects [up to \$400,000 each]

Objectives

- The project team/s should demonstrate that they have a track record to serve multi-county, state-wide or multi-state programs.
- Project teams should have extensive food safety education experience.
- Proposals should target multi-state and/or county specific audiences.
- States need not be contiguous to be applicable, but should have common food safety concerns (ie. similar commodities, production practices, and/or regional issues, etc.).
- Demonstrate strong partnerships with local entities to include federal, state, university, cooperative extension, community-based organizations and non-governmental organizations preferably through sub-awards and/or sub-contracts.
- Establish and maintain a robust and sustainable network of food safety education professionals.
- Address the economic sustainability of training programs and their ability to reach a variety of agriculture production and processing systems.

Methods

- Demonstrate an awareness of the needs of the targeted audiences for meeting the FSMA requirements. Ex: Knowledge of existing curricula and gaps in training.
- Identify local communities groups that are providing training through food and farm cooperatives, food hubs with outreach programs, and state and/or local US Department of Agriculture, among others.
- Modify or adapt FSMA-related educational and training materials to specific target audiences within their identified service areas.
- Applicant groups will develop trainers to implement FSMA related FDA “recognized” training curricula and provide technical assistance to a variety of agricultural production and processing systems within their self-identified service areas.
- Communication plans for working with the FDA National Coordination Center and the USDA-NIFA Regional centers ensure that educational training materials and curricula are consistent with current FSMA guidelines and will have national reach.
- Describe what and how data will be reported annually to the USDA-NIFA and/or FDA Regional Centers. Be sure to include lessons learned, best practices, commodity groups addressed, target audience reached, and/or other metrics.

Key Personnel, Project Management and Budget

- Project teams should define role and responsibilities of key staff including those that will collect and report outcome data and those that will interact with regional center staff.
- Incorporate a timeline with benchmarks for key events that will address the project objectives.
- Budget and budget justification should adequately justify resources and funds directed to key personnel responsible for managing and conducting the project activities.

Submission Format

- The project narrative shall not exceed a total of 20 pages of written text with 12 point font regardless of whether it is single or double spaced, including all figures and tables.

