

FDA FACT SHEET

INTEGRATED LABORATORY SYSTEM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAM

Program Description

- This cooperative agreement is designed to help prepare food and feed regulatory testing laboratories seeking to achieve, maintain, and enhance ISO/IEC 17025:2005 accreditation by providing adult education and training programs.

Intended Outcomes

- Identification and implementation of policies and to policies necessary to establish equivalency across laboratories.
- Establishment of nationally accepted models for rapid sharing and acceptance of laboratory data.
- Facilitation of the implementation of a national framework for unified laboratory response to emerging issues.
- Administration of educational and mentoring opportunities, resources and forums for laboratories.
- Advancement of FSMA goals related to laboratory analysis and building an integrated food safety system.

Awardees

- Current program funding: \$1,500,000 annually for up to 5 years
- Current awardee: Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL)
 - Sub-Awardee: Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)
 - Sub Awardee: Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO)

Program Accomplishments

- Release of the Guidance of Obtaining Defensible Samples (GOOD Samples).
- Support of State Sampling Pilots and Four-Day Sampling Training events.
- Extensive eLEXNET marketing and outreach including onsite training to State laboratories, epidemiologist and regulatory program staff.
- Substantial support and involvement in the development of the laboratory curriculum framework.
- AAFCO Check Samples Program accreditation and expansion efforts.

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