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**Council to Improve Foodborne
Outbreak Response**

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Food Safety Oversight

- **14 separate federal entities**
- **Administer >35 separate food safety laws**
- **28 congressional committees involved**
- **>70 MOUs to sort it all out...**

WHO	JECFA	SALMSURV	GSFS
FAO	JMPR	IHR	GAO
PPS	JEMRA	CDC	RCED
APHD	OIE	BPRO	DOJ
WHA	IPCS	FoodNet	FBI
UNEP	INTOX	NARMS	OCI
IUFOST	GEMS	HACCP	FERRET
IUPAC	IAEA	FDA	OIG
WMO	OCHA	USDA	ARS
OECD	GPHIN	FSIS	OEP

***The Deputy Assistant to the Assistant Deputy Administrator for District Enforcement Operations agreed with this report...**

...the current food safety system is a patchwork structure that hampers efforts to adequately address existing and emerging food safety risks...

- GAO report, 2001



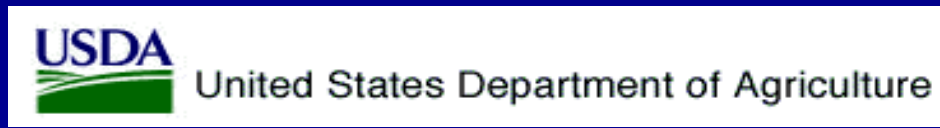
Background

- **January 2006**
- **CSTE, NACCHO, CDC co-conveners**
- **Multiple agencies**

January 2006



U.S. Food and Drug Administration



Partners

- AFDO
- APHL
- ASTHO
- CDC
- CSTE
- FDA / CFSAN
- NACCHO
- NEHA
- USDA / FSIS

Vision

**Local, state and federal partners
collaborating effectively to reduce the
burden of foodborne illness in the US**

Mission

**To improve methods at the local,
state and federal levels to detect,
investigate, control and prevent
foodborne disease outbreaks**

Gaps

- **Public health capacity**
- **Interagency coordination**
- **Detection of outbreaks**
- **Epi / environmental gap**
- **Standards lacking**
- **Etiology and vehicle often not identified**
- **Multistate outbreak challenges**
- **National experience can teach**
- **Inadequate staff and resources**
- **Evaluation critical**

Initial Projects

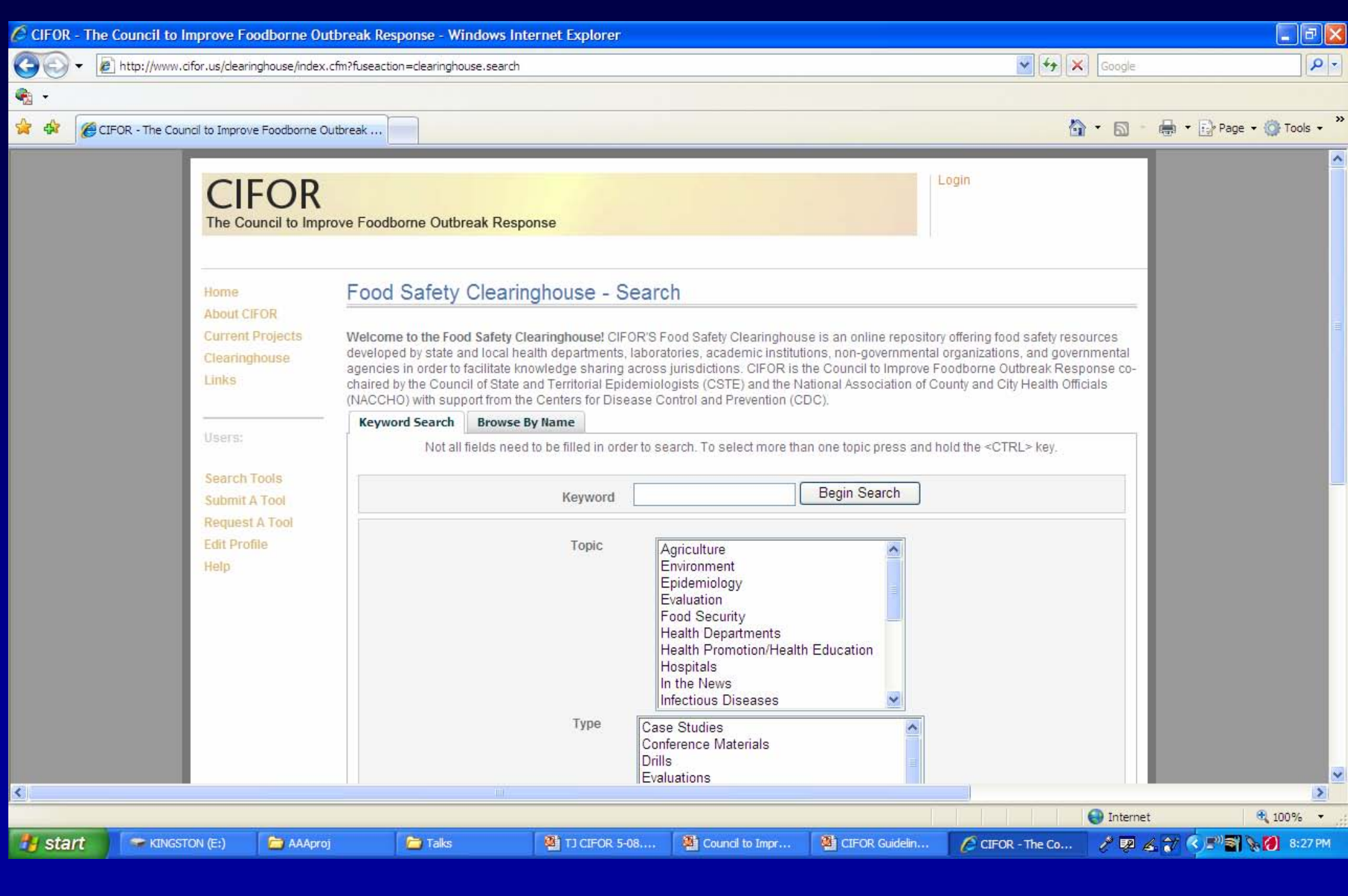
- **Resource clearinghouse**
- **Multi-jurisdictional investigation guidelines**
- **Performance indicators**
- **Investigation guidelines**

Ongoing

- **Steering Committee oversight**
- **Contracts to implement**
- **Open communication with partners**
- **Regular meetings**

Clearinghouse

- Questionnaires
- Guidelines
- Protocols
- Training resources
- Educational materials
- Databases



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Multi-jurisdictional Guidelines

- **Detection and investigation**
- **Categories**
- **Notification**
- **Coordination**
- **Roles**
- **Reporting**

Performance Indicators

- **Various agencies and levels**
- **Self-assessment**
- **Not “grading”**
- **Initially no benchmarks**

Guidelines

- **Multi-year project**
- **Practical**
- **Consultants**
- **Broad input**
- **Vetting / feedback**
- **Challenging**

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Additional Projects

- **Increase availability of training**
- **Lab / epi reporting integration**
- **PFGE and cluster evaluation**
- **National foodborne illness complaint system**
- **Standard hypothesis generating questionnaires**
- **Coordination with industry**

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