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DETAILED BUDGET INFORMATION

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Conference: Food Safety Task Force Meetings

(I) Personnel:	\$	0.00
(2) Equipment:		
Rental of Equipment (audio/visual)	**\$	300.00
(3) Supplies:	s	0.00

(4) <u>Travel</u>:

12 State and local participants for mileage/air fare and two and one-half days per diem at the State per diem rate of \$25.00 per day for meals and \$70.00 per day plus tax for lodging.

Example of travel costs if Task Force Meeting is held in,

Lodging: 12 x 2 x \$70.00 Room tax: 12 x 2 x \$10.50 Per diem: 12 x \$25.00 + 12 x 2 x \$18.75	\$1,680.00 252.00 750.00		
Air fare for 3 participants @ \$254.00 ea. Mileage for 9 participants @ \$0.28/mile	762.00 756.00		
Total Travel Costs		*\$	4,200.00
(5) <u>Publication Costs:</u>		\$	0.00
(6) AN Other Expenses:			
Rental of Conference Meeting Room		**\$	500.00
(7) <u>Indirect Costs:</u> Not applicable to con	nferences	\$	0.00
TOTAL COSTS		***\$	5,000.00

^{*}Per diem rates would not change based upon location of the meetings. Estimated air fare and mileage costs could be less if the meeting is held in ____ . or about the same if held in

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**If the costs are not incurred for rental of the conference meeting room and rental of audio/visual equipment, this funding will be utilized to offset the travel costs.

***Iftravel costs shown above do not exceed the maximum of \$5,000 for the first meeting, the remainder of funding will be utilized to offset the costs of a second meeting within the one year period of the Grant. It is anticipated that the Task Force will meet at least **twice** during this period of time. Further, if fewer than 12 State and local officials participate in the Task Force Work Group meetings, the additional funding will be applied to the costs of the second meeting.

ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including **fine tor** reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project **(0348-0040)**, Washington, DC 20503.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

Note: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant I certify that the applicant:

- 1. Has the legal authority to apply for 'Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
- 2 Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, and if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standard or agency directives.
- 3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
- Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
- 5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems- for programs funded under one of the nineteen statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of QPM's Standard for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
- 6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §§794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age;

- (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 **(P.L. 92-255)**, as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seg.), as amended, relating to non-discrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
- 7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Title II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
- 8. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1 501-1 508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
- 9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327- 333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction subagreements.

- 10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
- 11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetland pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Costal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clear Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. **§§7401** et seg.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (P.L. 93-205).
- 12. **Will** comply with the **Wild** and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. **§§1271** et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

- 13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§ 469a-1 et seq.).
- 14. Will comply with **P.L.** 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects invoked in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
- 15. **Will** comply with the Laboratory Animal **Welfare**Act of 1966 (P.L. **89-544**, as amended, 7
 U.S.C. a2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
- 16. **Will** comply **with** the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. **§§4801** et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence **structures.**
- 17. **Will** cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984.
- 18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, **re-** gulations and policies governing this program.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	March 10, 2000

OMB Approval No. 09204428 Expiration Date: October 3 1, 1999

CERTIFICATIONS

1. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

The undersigned (authorized official signing for the applicant organization) certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that the applicant, defined as the primary participant in accordance with 45 CFR Part 76, and its principals:

- (a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal Department or agency;
- (b) have not within a 3-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and
- (d) have not within a 3-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal. State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Should the applicant not be able to provide this certification, an explanation as to why should be placed after the assurances page in the application package.

The applicant agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include, without modification, the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, In eligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions" in all lower tier covered transactions (i.e., transactions with sub-grantees and/or contractors) and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions in accordance with 45 CFR Part 76.

2. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

The undersigned (authorized official signing for the applicant organization) certifies that the applicant will, or will continue to, provide a drug-free workplace in accordance with 45 CFR Part 76 by:

- (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees **that** the unlawful manufacture, distribution, **dispensing**, possession or use of a **controlled** substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that **will** be taken **against** employees for violation of such prohibition:
- (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about-
 - (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse **violations** occurring in the workplace;
- (e) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a) above;
- (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a), above, that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will-
 - (1) Abide. by the terms of the statement; and
 - (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a **criminal** drug statute **occurring** in the workplace no **later** than five calendar days after such conviction;
- (e) Notifying the agency in writing within ten calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central

point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

- (f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d) (2). with respect to any employee who is so convicted--
 - (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination. consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency:
- (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

For purposes of paragraph (e) regarding agency notification of criminal drug convictions, the **DHHS** has designated the following central point for receipt of such notices:

Office of Grants and Acquisition Management
Office of Grants Management
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Management and
Budget
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 517-D
Washington, D.C. 20201

3. CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Title 31, United States Code, Section 1352, entitled "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial generally prohibits recipients of transactions," Federal grants and cooperative agreements from using Federal (appropriated) funds for lobbying the Executive or Legislative Branches of the Federal Government in connection with a SPECIFIC grant or cooperative agreement. Section 1352 also requires that each person who requests or receives a Federal grant or cooperative agreement must disclose lobbying undertaken with non-Federal (nonappropriated) funds. These requirements apply to grants and cooperative agreements EXCEEDING \$100,000 in total costs (45 CFR Part 93).

The undersigned (authorized official signing for the applicant organization) certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be mid, by or on behalf of the under-

- signed, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract. grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than **Federally** appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. (If needed, Standard Form-LLL, of Lobbying Activities," "Disclosure instructions, and continuation sheet are included at the end of this application form)
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of **this** certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans and cooperative agreements) and that **all** subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into. this transaction imposed by Section 1352, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

4. CERTIFICATION **REGARDING** PROGRAM **FRAUD CIVIL** REMEDIES **ACT (PFCRA)**

The undersigned (authorized official signing for the applicant organization) certifies that the statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of his or her knowledge, and that he or she is aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject him or her to criminal. civil, or administrative penalties. The undersigned agrees that the applicant organization will comply with the Public Health Service terms and conditions of award if a grant is awarded as a result of this application.

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5. CERTIFICATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE

Public Law 103-227, also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Act), requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for the provision of health, day childhood development services, education or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law also applies to children's services that are provided in indoor facilities that are constructed, operated, or maintained . with such Federal funds. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residence, portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment, service providers whose sole source of applicable Federal funds is Medicare or Medicaid, or facilities where WIC coupons are redeemed

Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity.

By signing the certification, the undersigned certifies that the applicant organization will comply with the requirements of the Act and will not allow smoking within any portion of any indoor facility used for the provision of services for children as defined by the Act.

The applicant organization agrees that it will require that the language of this certification be included in a ny **subawards** which contain provisions for children's services and that all subrecipients **shall certify** accordingly.

The Public Health Services strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of tobacco products. This 'is consistent with the PHS mission to protect and advance the physical an mental health of the American people.

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PROGRAM NARRATIVE

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(This format is not applicable to FDA Conference Grant Application. As requested by FDA, see "12 Item Detailed Program Narrative submitted in lieu of this 6 item format.)

APPLICATION PROGRAM NARRATIVE

U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Conference Grant= RFA-FDA-ORA-00-1

Conference: Food Safety Task Force Meetings

participants.

12 Items required by FDA for a conference grant application are outlined as follows:
(1) Title, including the word "conference," symposium," "workshop," or other similar designation to assist in the identification of the request:
Conference: State Food Safety Task Force Meetings
(2) Location of the Conference:
The State
(3) Expected number of registrants and type of audience expected:
Theexisting Food Safety Task Force is comprised of 16 individual members: Department of Health (4); Local health agencies (4); Regulated industry (4); Consumer advocate (1); Academia (1); and State legislators (2).
(4) Dates of Conference:
Meeting date(s) to be determined after grant award date.
(5) Composition and role of the organizing or planning committee, including brief biographical sketches of individuals responsible for planning the conference:
Director, Manufactured Foods Division, Department of Health Director, Retail Foods Division, Department of Health
(6) All services covered by the registration fee:
There is no registration fee for the Task Force meeting(s).
(7) Physical facilities required for the conduct of the conference including any unusual needs:
The meeting(s) will be held in a Hotel conference/meeting room that is convenient for

(8) Plans for publicity and publication of proceedings:

Since this is a State activity, the "evaluation" will be in the form of supplying FDA with summaries of the meeting(s) and copies of the work product. The work product should directly relate to the ongoing activities of the National Food Safety System Work Croups as well.

(9) Proposed per diem subsistence rates and transportation costs:

State of "Travel Allowance Maximum Rates:

Per diem rate of \$25.00 per day for meals;
Lodging rate of \$70.00 per day plus tax;
Mileage rate of \$.28 per mile;
Airfare use rate of State contract air carrier.
Travel costs are outlined in detail on the "Detailed Budget Information" form.

(10) Justification of the conference, including the **problems** it intends to **clarify** and what developments it may stimulate:

The conference is to improve overall communications among regulatory officials at the State and local level, between stakeholders, and communications dealing with foodbome illness outbreaks; improve education of the public and food handlers and managers in the area of food safety; and to determine the proper roles for state and local food regulatory officials and strive for uniformity in the regulations they enforce, including uniformity with federal laws and regulations.

An additional area being examined by the Task Force includes ways to ensure uniformity among State and local inspectors. Currently the State has a very limited number of standardized training **officers.** Consequently, with over 200 local jurisdictions engaged in the inspection of food establishments, standardization of local food inspectors may be **a** quite lengthy process without

additional resources and personnel. The Task Force is examining possible alternatives.

The Task Force is also examining ways to improve communications among all stakeholders, including improved reporting of **foodborne** illness outbreaks and investigation of those outbreaks and the requisite tracebacks when necessary to determine the source of the food causing the illnesses. The Department's Bureau of Epidemiology estimates that a very small percentage of foodborne illnesses are actually reported, either to the State or to the local agencies. Ways to improve the reporting are necessary to determine the cause of the illnesses in order to take steps to eliminate those causes, to determine the extent of foodborne illness in this State, to determine the source an outbreak (whether localized or widespread, or even **from** an interstate source), as well as to obtain food/stool samples to determine if cases are related to the same source (using pulsed field gel electrophoresis, or PFGE).

Further, the Task Force is examining ways to improve food safety through education and training, including the training of both regulatory personnel and industry personnel engaged in food handling. The Task Force is reviewing ways in which industry, regulators, academia, and consumer advocates can do a better job of educating the public, including school children and college students, in safe food handling practices, including improved personal hygiene. Also, the training and education of physicians, nurses, and clinicians to identify cases of foodbome illness, including improved reporting to the regulatory agencies, is of prime importance.

Other areas affecting the safety of foods manufactured, distributed, prepared and consumed in this State will also be examined, including uniform laws and regulations, uniform application of those laws and regulations, the relationships between federal, state, and local agencies having jurisdiction over the food industry, certification/standardization of inspectors, certification of food establishment managers and training of food handlers, as well as others.

Unfortunately, funds are not available to provide for travel, meeting room space, audio/visual equipment rental, and other necessities required to hold additional meetings of the Task Force. Further, because the Task Force itself must be limited in number, it is anticipated that additional stakeholders will be invited to participate in working groups which will examine the specific areas mentioned above, **from** a broader perspective than can be achieved by the current Task Force. Travel funds will be necessary to bring these additional **stakeholders** to the work group meetings. The Task Force has already identified many other stakeholders in this State with a vested interest in food safety in the **"farm** to table continuum."

Regulatory agencies consider the acceptance of funds **from** regulated industry to be unethical. Consequently, any regulatory members of the Task Force or the work groups have only their limited budgets to utilize for Task Force and work group meetings. The _____, Department of ______ and other State agencies are under severe travel restrictions, with nearly all available travel funds dedicated to actual inspections as opposed to training or other activities such as Task Force meetings. **All** ______ travel is restricted to four categories. Category 1 is almost entirely dedicated to inspections or travel directly connected to the individual's job description. Category 2 is for travel to necessary meetings and conferences that are either funded by another agency or which will cost less than \$250.00. Categories 3 and 4 are related to **out-of-**

state meetings and conferences or to meetings not absolutely necessary to the operation of our programs. If **any** travel in Categories 3 or 4 is approved, the funding of the travel cannot reduce the level of food safety protection by reducing inspectional coverage of regulated industry.

Local health agencies are usually under even tighter travel requirements, with personnel often restricted to no out-of-jurisdiction travel or funded for only a single meeting or conference per year, and only for key managerial personnel. All four of the Task Force members from local agencies have indicated that the only way they can travel to Task Force meetings is if another agency funds the travel. Consumers and educators are usually in the same or worse situation with respect to travel costs associated with meetings of a voluntary nature.

Benefits Expected:

Members of the Task Force fully expect that there will be significant benefits to these activities, each related to the goal of reducing foodborne illness in . . , including but not limited to the following:

- a. Improved reporting of cases of foodbome illness
- **b.** Improved identification of the reasons outbreaks occur
- Improved interventions to reduce cases of **foodborne** illness, including better identification and elimination of critical violations in food establishments, expanded use of HACCP and HACCP principles (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point), and education and training of food service managers, food service workers, regulatory personnel, the general public, physicians, nurses, and other health care providers
- d. More uniform laws and regulations and uniform application
- e. Improved tracebacks of foods or establishments linked to cases of foodbome illness
- f. Incentives to regulated industry to improve food safety and handling
- **g.** Reduced duplication of inspections to enable agencies to leverage their resources for greater concentration on higher risk foods and populations
- h. Identification and elimination of any gaps in the regulatory system

In addition to the above direct benefits to food safety **in** , the Task Force anticipates that the findings and recommendations can result in direct benefits by providing the results of the Task Force deliberations to the federal government agencies in their deliberations on ways to improve our National system of food safety in the U.S. It is anticipated that many of the recommendations could be applied nationally.

(11) Information about all related conferences held on this subject during the last 3 years:

The State Food Safety Task Force was established in August 19. for the purpose of examining food safety in from many different perspectives, determining what problems exist, examining the overlaps and gaps in the regulatory system, and proposing potential solutions.

A second meeting of the Task Force was held in December At this meeting, three work groups were formed to examine communications, education, and roles/responsibilities and uniform laws and regulations. Work product generated by an FDA training course, held in in February 2000, entitled "", "will be used to supplement the activities of the Task Force thus far."

It is anticipated that the Task Force will continue to meet and discuss food safety issues within . . . , throughout the coming twelve months.

- (12) Conference format and projected agenda, including a **list** of principal areas or topics to be addressed, names of key participants with a description of their credentials; and the basis of **selection** of topics and participants:
- a. The Task Force has been divided into three work groups, addressing areas such as "roles and responsibilities", including uniform laws and regulations, "communication", and "education." The work groups are currently engaged in brainstorming the various issues outlined above. Each work group, following the goal of "improving food safety in "", plans to identify the problem(s), the barriers, potential solutions, and the funding that would be necessary to accomplish the goal(s). Ideas from all stakeholders previously identified will be used to incorporate other stakeholders into the work groups. These may include representatives from other industries, such as produce and livestock, additional local health departments ("","), additional academia, and additional consumer representation if such groups can be identified at the State level.

Besides in-person meetings, it is anticipated that the Work Groups will continue to operate by conference call, with the Work **Group** Chairs obtaining feedback on a monthly or quarterly basis on the progress in the activities to meet the goals and objectives. The Task Force will also continue to monitor the progress of the six National Food Safety System Work Groups, to reduce any duplication of activities which may apply to the Food Safety Task Force's goals and objectives. Progress reports will be monitored by the Task Force Chair.

b. It is anticipated that the Task Force will develop a list of contacts to "spread the word' regarding the findings of the Work Groups, will work proactively with various groups to develop and disseminate educational materials and advocate for the development of food **safety** curricula

for schools; will increase awareness of foodborne illness among physicians, hospitals, clinics, and public health nurses; work toward the enactment of appropriate legislation, such as mandatory manager certification for food service managers; develop budget forecasts, along with many other strategies for accomplishing the goals and objectives.

The Task Force is quite unique for and as it affords the opportunity for all stakeholders to discuss food safety-related issues and develop common goals and objectives. Those who have been involved, particularly from the local health units and the industry, are quite pleased that this has occurred, and are looking forward to **future** concrete accomplishments. There has been no other similar forum in .

- c. Until the Task Force moves forward with the activities accomplished so far, it is premature to anticipate what types of data may be collected and maintained. Some possibilities include a database for all jurisdictions which have adopted the 'Food Establishment Rules (FDA Food Code); a database for training materials; lists of contact organizations and agencies, to name a few.
- d. Organizations and Key Individuals*

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. Restaurant Association • member

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^{*}Also, other industry groups, consumer advocates, and **additional** local health departments will be invited to participate in the work groups. Others will be invited as the Task Force determines the need.

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