

Rapid Response Team (RRT) Project Overview

PROJECT RATIONALE

- **Improve rapid response** to food/feed emergencies.
- **Strengthen** state food program **infrastructure**.
- **Unify and coordinate** federal/state/local food/feed emergency response efforts including training, investigations, data sharing, data analysis and communications.
- **Develop best practices** that can be widely used and adopted.
- **Ensure alignment with national priorities**, including the Food Safety Modernization Act and an Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS).

RRTs ACROSS THE COUNTRY

RFA Title: The Food Protection Rapid Response Team and Program Infrastructure Improvement Prototype/Implementation Project

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9 “Pilot” RRTs

- 9 States total
 - 6 Began in 2008 (CA, FL, MA, MI, MN, NC)
 - 3 Began in 2009 (TX, VA, WA)
- 3 year agreement with renewals (in 2011/2012) through 2013
- Includes MFRPS component
- Provides up to \$500,000/year per recipient

10 “New” RRTs

- 10 States total: PA, TN, RI, IA, NY, MO, WV, GA, MD, MS
- 3 year agreement (through 2015)
- No MFRPS component
- Provides up to \$300,000/year per recipient

RRT ACTIVITIES

Multi-agency Collaboration:

- Among DFRS, the 19 RRTs, and the project Advisory Committee
- Within RRTs (FDA field offices, state agriculture, health, lab, etc.)
- With relevant initiatives (e.g. national workgroups, associations)

Some specific examples:

- Documentation: response plans, SOPs, MOUs, lessons learned
- Information sharing: Working groups, shared portals, joint meetings
- Building resources: Training, ICS, exercises, develop tools

PROJECT OUTCOMES

Nineteen (19) Strengthened Programs (Federal/State/Local)

- Improved response capabilities
- Improved infrastructure
- Improved collaboration

Manual of best practices

- Tools used for continuous improvement.
- Tools shared with non-RRT programs.

Metrics for rapid response capabilities

- Able to assess status, identify improvement plans, and quantify accomplishments
- Quantifiable public health consequences
- RRT concepts harmonized with national priorities and relevant initiatives

Nationally integrated rapid response **concepts and tools**

- Project products and recommendations integrated and sustained with broader, long-term initiatives