

## Partnership Agreements Overview

### **What are Partnership Agreements?**

Partnership Agreements are formal, written documents that are intended to clearly define specific goals, activities and responsibilities of each partner. These agreements can be developed between FDA and federal, state, territorial, tribal or local agencies, industry academia or other organizations. They are created to produce measurable outcomes that are related to programmatic objectives and/or operational needs.

### **What is the goal of Partnership Agreements?**

The goal of this program is to utilize new or existing relationships by maximizing available non-fiscal resources in the most efficient and effective manner while achieving the highest level of consumer protection.

### **Who are the current participants?**

FDA and Alaska Environmental Conservation

FDA and California Department of Public Health

FDA, University of Hawaii and Hawaii Department of Health/Agriculture

### **Achievements**

-The Alaska Environmental Conservation has been successfully analyzing the Alaska's fish samples using the analytical system that was developed to be used for gamma-ray analytical capability, which will dramatically increase the nation's and FDA's capacity of emergency response to a nuclear incident.

- FDA and the California Department of health conducts work plan meetings and share agency issued assignments, both agencies work together to coordinate facility inspections, which results in a decrease of duplicative inspections.

-FDA, Hawaii Department of Health/Agriculture and University of Hawaii gained understanding each other's organizational structure, mission, and communication lines. These organizations worked collaboratively on ISO accreditation, pacific island support, sample support and methodology and information sharing.

### **Where can I get more information?**

Specific questions on this program can be directed to the appropriate Office of Partnerships' contact within the Division of Partnership Investments. Please visit the [Office of Partnerships Contacts webpage](#) to view the staffing roster.