OFFICE OF PARTNERSHIPS (OP)
WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH

OUR MISSION
We make partnerships happen by fostering opportunities and promoting domestic and international mutual understanding and systems recognition.

OUR VISION
A global partnership that protects public health.

DIVISION OF STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION
The OSI supports the agency’s development and maintenance of regulatory program standards (RPS), such as the Manufactured Food Regulation Program Standards (MFRRPS) and Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards (AFAPRSS), as well as the Rapid Response Team (RRTs) and Food Protection Task Forces (FPTF) states. OSI provides technical support and guidance to states that are implementing these programs and collaborates across ORA offices and CDC and external alliances and associations to implement a system of continuous improvement and training for the RRTs. OSI also collaborates with ORA’s Office of State Cooperative Programs (OSCP) and CDC and associations to provide technical support and guidance for cooperative program areas.

DIVISION OF PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENTS AND AGREEMENTS
The OPIA serves as the primary focal point for the coordination of programmatic aspects of ORA’s non-training related contracts, cooperative agreements, and partnership agreements with state, local, tribal, and territorial regulatory and public health agencies, as well as national associations, international partners, and other external organizations. In partnership with OPA, OPIA coordinates, develops, and manages ORA contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements related to human and animal food, medical products, and regulatory science. It collaborates with other ORA offices, CDC, and FDAs Office of Grants and Services and other federal agencies to ensure cohesive and uniform application of regulations and policies related to the administration of contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, and partnership agreements, as well as international funded and non-funded agreements.

DIVISION OF INTEGRATION
The DI formulates strategies to promote and coordinate solutions related to integration of federal, state, and local activities. DI reviews practices, procedures, and processes related to implementation of a national integrated food safety system (IFSS). DI fosters collaborative food safety networks and provides high level support to food safety integration counterparts. DI develops, tracks, and reports on performance measures for three integrated processes, cooperative agreements, and grants that directly foster mutual reliance and IFSS. DI also coordinates ORAs international activities through information sharing and collaboration with FDA offices/Centers on international engagements and U.S. facility inspection notifications.

IMMEDIATE OFFICE
OP’s Quality Management System (QMS) is implemented out of the Immediate Office (IO). The Partnership Services Group (PSG) within the IO provides for the internal administration of OP while also providing technical and administrative support to the remaining branches. It supports ORA’s 2018 FSI Budget ($100M+) directly contributes to the improvement and enhancement of the National Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS).

RESULTS OF FEDERAL-STATE INITIATIVE (FSI) FUNDING
ORAs 2018 FSI Budget ($100M+) directly contributes to the improvement and enhancement of the National Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS):
- 20,000 state inspections and visits concerning food, feed, egg, animal tissue and medical devices
- 7,764 state-collected samples
- 43 state laboratories achieving ISO 17025 accreditation
- 43 states in Flexible Funding Model (MFRRPS/RRT/FPTF)
- 46 states and one territory in the Produce Safety Infrastructure CAP

18 Major Cooperative Agreement Programs (CAPs)
These programs can be grouped into roughly 6 buckets:

- Produce Safety Infrastructure CAP
- Lab Programs/ISO
- Food Safety System (IFSS):
  - Produce Programs
  - Lab Programs/ISO
  - Lab Programs/ISO
  - Animal Feed Standards
  - Other Uncategorized Programs

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19 Major Cooperative Agreement Programs (CAPs)

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