

FDA FACT SHEET

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

Program Description

- Partnership Agreements are formal written documents that clearly define specific goals, activities and responsibilities of each partner with no obligation of fiscal resources (as required in contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements). Agreements are not legally binding, confer no legal obligation on either partner, and may be revised or terminated at any time.
- Provides the tools and resources to enable FDA to work with regulatory partners to build systems that complement national uniformity of regulated products
- Achieves the maximum protection of consumer safety without duplication of regulatory activities among the FDA and implementing partners

Intended Outcomes

- Enhance capacity of regulatory programs by serving as the foundation for mutual reliance
- Facilitate opportunities for partners to network, learn, and work with FDA regulatory programs by facilitating information-sharing and improved communications.
- Promote leveraging of a highly trained workforce to achieve program consistency among partners of other regulatory and public health programs.
- Provide tools to help programs build a quality management system to measure and improve performance and accountability
- Promote consumer confidence in public health protection programs

Program Metrics:

- Current number of active agreements (1)
 - MOU 225-20-007 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
 - Note: 3 Partnership Agreements are pending signature

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