FDA FACT SHEET

INTEGRATED LABORATORY SYSTEM TO ADVANCE THE SAFETY OF HUMAN AND ANIMAL FOOD COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAM

Program Description

• Enhance the nation’s food safety, as directed by the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).
• Support and enhance human and animal food testing laboratory activities.
• Offer trainings, workshops, meetings and other educational resources.
• Conduct research on national testing capability and capacity.
• Prepare best practices and other guidance manuals.
• Improve communication among regulatory and public health partners.

Intended Outcomes

• Advance the goal of a national food safety system by supporting and enhancing state human and animal food testing laboratories tasked with surveillance and emergency response testing, including investigations of foodborne disease outbreaks.
• Provide the additional support to these laboratories through the activities of an association that will conduct research on national testing capability and capacity.
• Develop best practices and other guidance manuals.
• Offer trainings, workshops, meetings, and other educational resources.
• Support ISO/IEC 17025 laboratory accreditation for non-accredited laboratories.

Program Metrics

• Current program funding: $419,606
• Current number of awards: 1

ILS CAP Awardees FY2022

• Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL)

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