

# FDA FACT SHEET

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

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### 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: \$500K
- Current number of awards: 1

### ILS CAP Awardees FY2021

- Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL)

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