

## Food Safety Projects under the 2015 Specialty Crop Multi-State Program

This document provides additional guidance on the following sections of the 2015 Specialty Crop Multi-State Program Request for Applications (RFA):

- 1.3.1 FOOD SAFETY PROJECTS THAT ADDRESS THE HANDLING, PREPARATION, AND STORAGE OF SPECIALTY CROPS IN WAYS THAT REDUCE FOODBORNE THREATS
- 1.3.6 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES - Proposals Involving Food Safety Training or Education for Producers, Processors and/or Handlers

The RFA covers proposals that support implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) through activities that target producers and facilities that currently are covered under the FSMA rules, or that may at some point be covered under the FSMA rules (e.g. small farms currently exempt from the rules that may later scale up). For education and training projects, four types of proposals will be accepted:

- Proposals that conduct outreach and education to provide basic pre-training information to farmers and facilities, including whether these entities are covered under FSMA or under modified requirements or an exemption. While these education and training materials will be basic in nature and may not draw from one of the FDA-recognized FSMA trainings, they should include activities that help farmers and facilities understand the training requirement in the rules and their options for receiving training, if applicable.
- Proposals that involve materials and curricula from the Produce Safety Alliance or one of the other Alliances.
- Proposals that involve materials and curricula from alternate FDA-recognized trainings. If the alternate trainings will come into existence during the term of the grant, even if they are not available as of the application deadline, these proposals are acceptable.
  - In the case of proposals to develop materials and training, the proposal narrative would need to explain that the materials and training being developed have been, or will be, submitted to FDA for recognition.
  - In the case of proposals to provide training, the proposal narrative would need to explain that the materials and training will have been recognized by FDA before the training is conducted.
- Proposals that involve education and training on Good Agricultural Practices, Good Manufacturing Practices, and Good Handling Practices.