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Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA)
Attn: Food and Dairy Division Managers

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SUBJECT: 2008 Grants Awarded Through the Consumer and Industry
Food Safety Education Fund

The Michigan Food Law of 2000 created two funds to be used for food safety education. Three dollars per food license is collected for consumer education and two dollars per food license is collected for industry education. The Food Safety and Education Workgroup (consisting of members from academia, community, industry, and regulatory groups) evaluated all grant applications. Although MDA is responsible for making the final decision, the committee offered advice and input on the grant proposals. Grants awarded from these funds for 2008 are described below.

Food Labeling Workshop Scholarships (MSU)

Provide ten scholarships to attend the Food Labeling Workshop at MSU. This workshop is designed for industry personnel and regulators who are responsible for developing or reviewing food labels and labeling for compliance with the law.

Building Consumer Food Safety Program (Tuscola County Health Department)

Provide food safety training sessions and materials to WIC mothers and senior citizens.

Code Cards (Western Upper Peninsula District Health Department)

Print 500 sets of food safety reference cards, introduce the materials to food service licensees at training sessions in early 2008 and during routine inspections, and evaluate the effectiveness of the cards on food safety with a questionnaire.

Food Safety Inspector's Guide for Pest Identification (MSU)

Design and print 1,000 Pest Reference Pocket Guides for distribution to regulators to assist in identifying pests in food establishments.

The Active Manager- In Control (Mid-Michigan District Health Department and Shiawassee County Health Department)

Develop a training program to assist facilities in developing and using risk control plans. Measure the effectiveness of this process related to risk factor reduction in these facilities.

Food Safety Webinar (Michigan Restaurant Association)

Develop online video summaries (webinars) of food safety topics featured at the one-day MRA food service summit to be held in 2008. This webinar will be posted on the MRA and MDA websites for educational purposes.

MEHA Membership Training Opportunity Fund (Michigan Environmental Health Association)

Provide funding for speakers and scholarships for the MEHA Food Conference.

Temporary Food Service Took Kit and Education Program (Saginaw County Department of Public Health)

Distribute food safety tool kits (previously developed using a food safety education grant) to temporary food licensees, offer monthly temporary food establishment training sessions, work with Hidden Harvest food distributors on food safety training, and continue to partner with a local radio station to present a 15-20 minute food safety weekly program.

Improving Health through Food Safety Awareness and Training Partnerships (Central Michigan District Health Department)

Raise awareness of safe food handling through a local media campaign, community presentations, and food handler training.

Consumer Food Safety and Food Service Establishment Educational Conference (Midland County Department of Public Health)

One day food safety training for consumers and licensed food service establishments.

\$111,500.00 was awarded in grants. MDA is determining the best use for the remaining \$38,500.00, and it will likely include opportunities for state and local regulator training, as well as for providing re-prints of popular educational tools for food establishments.

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