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### Phase I Questions (see Columns B, C, D, E for responses)

1. Does your state require legislative authority to contract third party auditing firms to conduct institutional foodservice, restaurant, and retail food compliance inspections in lieu of State/local/tribal regulatory retail food programs? Circle One.
2. If the answer to #1 is YES, has your state given legislative authority to state and local government agencies to contract third party auditing firms to conduct institutional foodservice, restaurant, and retail food compliance inspections in lieu of State/local/tribal regulatory retail food programs? Circle One.
3. If the answer to #1 is YES, and if only state and local jurisdictions are currently conducting regulatory inspections, is any consideration being given to authorizing third party inspections of retail food establishments at the state level in the future? Circle One.
4. Are you aware of any local jurisdiction that contracts with third party auditing firms to conduct institutional foodservice, restaurant, and retail food compliance inspections in lieu of State/local/tribal regulatory retail food programs?
5. If the answer to #4 is YES, please provide a contact name, e-mail address, and office telephone number where more information can be obtained from those local jurisdictions.

### Phase II Questions

- 1) Your jurisdiction has been identified as previously or currently using contractual or third party personnel to conduct or augment regulatory inspections. What company was/is providing this service? How long has this practice been in place? What type of Audit/Inspection (Retail, Manufacturing, etc.)?
- 2) How are the contracts awarded (i.e. bid, Request for Proposal [RFP], purchase order, etc.) and what is the typical duration of a contract commitment (i.e. 6 months, 1 year, multiple years)?
- 3) Do the contracts require the contractor to supply employees that have minimum educational and/or experience requirements? If so What?
- 4) Were these contracts intended to be intermittent/temporary to meet regulatory personnel shortages or intended as a continual long term solution?

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5) Are there other unique conditions in your current contract that has been incorporated that might be helpful for others considering this type of arrangement? What geographic area does this contract cover?

6) Based on your current experience do you see this process being used on continual bases?

### Phase II Results

Massachusetts: No additional information available.

Michigan: University of MI has registered sanitarians on site for the university's facilities, MI State University contracts a sanitarian, Wayne State University has a sanitarian on site, Saginaw Co HD had a 3rd party that did inspections - all contact info attached to original call survey. A followup by the committee determined that the Universities hire campus sanitarians at least equivalent to the Counties to make these food facility inspections and therefore would not fall into the definition of this charge definition of third party but it may be an issue CFP might want to address in the future. Saginaw County does utilize a local third party inspection on a short term bases to meet frequency of inspection during times of staff shortages.

Missouri: In a followup conversation describing how we were defining third party inspections, Missouri does not have any third party contracts.

Nevada: 3 Health authorities in the Metro areas. Barrett said that he cannot speak for them regarding question 3. There is a State Health Division.

Rhode Island: Because of staff reductions Rhode Island Health Dept authorized the use of third party to complete the second required inspection by the USDA school lunch program a few years ago. There are no school districts currently using third party inspections at the present time.

Texas: Texas has multiple cities that are utilizing third party inspections to replace, augment or supplement regulatory inspections. Eighteen Cities have been Identified as utilizing third party inspections. These Third Party vary from Large third party organizations to individuals contracting with the city. The large organizations are utilizing experienced (10 yr) sanitarians with Texas REHS credentials. However, this is a matter of company procedure rather than terms of the contract.No information has been able to be collected on the individuals contracting for this third party work.The following cities are using third party contractors for their food inspections: City of Forney, City of Red Oak, City of Aubrey, City of Live Oak, City of Valley View, Town of Hickory Creek, City of Hudson Oaks, City of Pflugerville City of Lucas, City of Decatur, City of Grandville, City of Arlington, City of Granbury, City of Midlothian, City of Dallas. The following Cities use Third Party for only Temporary Inspections: City of The Colony, City of Rosenberg

Wisconsin: Since 2006, county has contracted with consultant Tony Fraundorf to conduct all environmental health inspections. The county audits the inspection database and Mr. Fraundorf is audited once every three years by the state. Additionally he is FDA standardized.