



The ANSI/CFP Accreditation Partnership

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Overview of Presentation

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- History of Partnership
- Overview of ANSI-CFP Accreditation Program
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 - Structure and Process
 - Main Points of Agreement
 - Marketing
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MISSION

To enhance the global competitiveness of U.S. business and the American quality of life by promoting and facilitating voluntary consensus standards and conformity assessment systems and ensuring their integrity.

A Private- and Public-Sector Partnership Since 1918

ANSI is not a government agency or a standards developer.

ANSI as an Accreditor

- ANSI accreditation, whether as a standards developer, Technical Advisory Group, ANSI-Registrar Accreditation Board (RAB) accredited certification system, or accreditation of personnel certification organization of:

- Openness
- Balance
- Due process
- Transparency
- Consensus



ANSI/CFP Accreditation Partnership

- History of Partnership
 - CFP/ANSI enter into a formal agreement May 2002
 - Agreement creates accreditation program for bodies that certify Food Protection Managers in accordance the CFP Standards
 - Delineates Roles and Responsibilities between CFP and ANSI
 - Creates ANSI/CFP Personnel Certification Accreditation Committee

ANSI/CFP Agreement

- Accreditation Committee
 - Two year terms and no more than three consecutive terms
 - Appointment by the Executive Board
- Marketing Language
 - Promotional materials will be developed by CFP and/or ANSI
 - Materials will be jointly approved by CFP (assumed to be the Committee) and ANSI

ANSI/CFP Agreement

- Terms of the Contract
 - Program shall commence as of the date hereof and shall continue unless otherwise terminated
- Termination of the Program
 - Either party may terminate the agreement
 - Must give 6 month notice

Goals of the ANSI/CFP Accreditation Program

- Ensure all Food Protection Manager Certification Programs meet CFP Standards
- Facilitate a self-assessment process that increases the quality of the program
- Increase recognition and confidence in the quality of Food Protection Manager certification programs

ANSI/CFP

Accreditation = Quality

- Verifies the quality of a certification program for State regulatory bodies responsible for licensing
- Ensures consistent quality of food protection managers for employers
- Increases consumer confidence regarding food safety
- Verifies the use of a valid and reliable processes that increases legal defensibility of certification programs



Accreditation Benefits

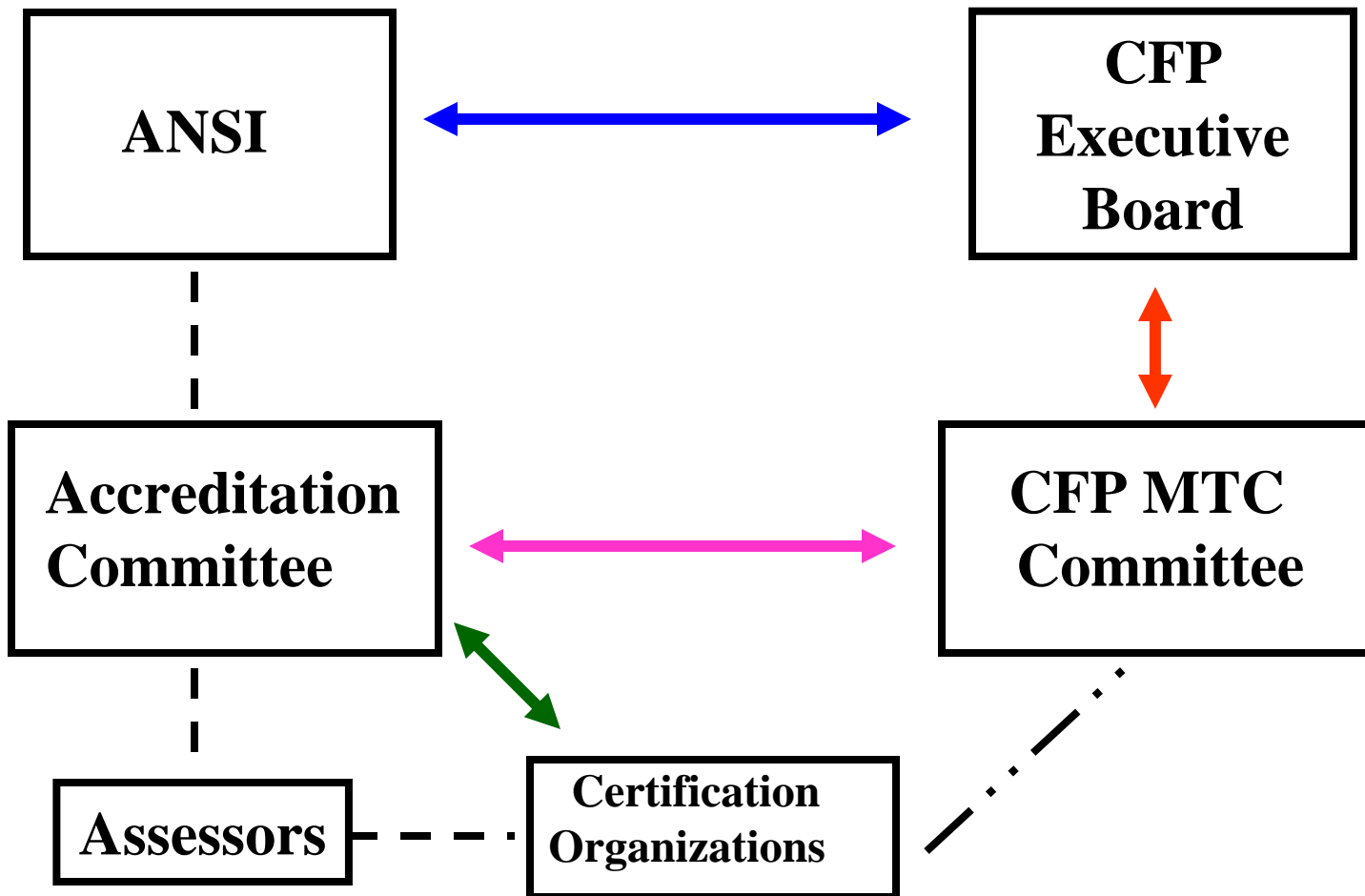
- Facilitates a High Level of Technical Competence and Reliability through a Self Assessment Process
- Consistency of Competencies across all jurisdictions
- Verification of Quality by an Independent Objective Review Agency
- Opportunity for Peer Review and Dialogue with National Experts
- Facilitates Continuous Quality Improvement



Accreditation Benefits

- Marketing tool to employers – Consistent known product
- Mobility of Personnel
- Improved Consumer Confidence regarding food safety Potential Prevention of Lawsuits
- Lessens State/Local regulatory costs
 - No certification cost
 - Can facilitates reciprocity agreements

ANSI/CFP ACCREDITATION MODEL





Accreditation Process

- Eligibility Requirements
- Paper Application
- Assignment of Trained Assessors
- Paper Review
- On-site Visit
- Review of Assessor Report
- Action by the Accreditation Committee
 - Four Appointed from ANSI to include Public Member
 - Two appointed by CFP

Accreditation Process Enhancements

- Feedback from Certification Bodies
 - Systematic process
 - Uniformly positive
- Evaluating Surveillance Process
 - Determine if adequate information is being obtained to maintain confidence
 - Incorporate Any Issues into Annual Assessor Training



ANSI/CFP Accredited Organizations

- National Registry of Food Safety Professionals
- National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation
- Thomson Prometric



Accreditation Mark Pending Approval from PTO



Applications for ANSI/CFP Accreditation

- None in process
- Several inquires from State Agencies
- One inquiry from a training provider

Marketing Strategies

- Press Release regarding the program
 - June 2002
- ANSI Web site linked to CFP Web site
- Marketing Plan Process
 - Focus Group – December 4, 2002
 - Report June 2003
 - Second Report April 2004
 - Third Report June 2004

Marketing Strategies

- Endorsement letter from FDA facilitated
 - Placed on CFP Web Site
- Q & As being Finalized
 - Both ANSI and CFP Web Sites

Marketing Program

Next Steps

- Awaiting finalization of Q & As
 - To be placed on ANSI and CFP Web Sites
- Working on an endorsement from CDC
- Re-focusing on specific states with pending legislation requiring accreditation of certification bodies approved by CFP
 - Further research by CFP Committee

Communication Between CFP and ANSI

- Good Working relationship
 - ANSI presents all policies and procedures to Committee for their input
 - Close working relationship on revision to CFP Standards
 - Recommend One ACAC CFP Rep attend CFP Executive Board Meetings
- Decision Making Issues
 - Diversity of CFP Committee makes it difficult
 - No CFP staff support for follow-through on complex actions
 - Unable to make firm decisions regarding marketing