

## CFP Membership Constituencies

Membership in the Conference is classified into constituencies that represent key stakeholder groups. Conference members self-designate their constituency and information below is provided as guidance. A full definition of each constituency can be found in the CFP **Constitution and Bylaws**, Article III, Section 5, available at: <http://www.foodprotect.org/administration/governing-documents/>

<b>Regulatory</b>	Government employees, officers, agents, or authorized representatives having authority over the regulation of food establishments, production, processing, vending, or distribution, or has oversight for prevention of foodborne illness in accordance with rule and/or law in their respective governmental jurisdiction. <b>Sub-categories of Regulatory include:</b>	
	<b>Local</b>	Representing a territorial division of local government.
	<b>State</b>	Representing a territorial division of state government.
	<b>Federal</b>	Representing a program or agency of the Federal Government.
	<b>District / Territory</b>	Representing the U.S. District of Columbia or one of the six (6) U.S. Territories.
<b>Industry</b>	Employees, agents, or executives representing business entities that operate food establishment(s), production, processing, vending, or distribution; or, providers of an industry related service to such food operations; or, representatives of a professional organization or trade association that promotes, supports, and/or markets to/for the food industry or its related services. <b>Sub-categories of Industry include:</b>	
	<b>Food Service</b>	Representing business entities that operate food service establishments. <i>Examples include, but not limited to, restaurants of all sizes/types/styles of service, caterers, military food service, institutional and other health care food service, schools and university food service, common carrier food service (planes, trains, etc.), corporate food service operations, and government food service.</i>
	<b>Retail Food</b>	Representing business entities that operate retail food establishments. <i>Examples include, but not limited to, grocery stores, supermarkets, convenience stores, retail pharmacies, produce markets, roadside stands, department stores, warehouse sales clubs, seafood markets, retail bakeries, military base PX/groceries, liquor stores, and retail food associations.</i>
	<b>Processing</b>	Representing business entities that manufacture, process, package, or label food items for wholesale sale. <i>Examples include, but not limited to, commercial food manufacturing, canning, packaging, commercial bakeries, commercial meat slaughter and processing, packing houses, distribution centers, farming and agricultural processing and packing, ice processing, and food processing trade associations.</i>
	<b>Vending and Distribution</b>	Representing business entities that own and/or operate food companies that vend or distribute food either wholesale or retail. <i>Examples include, but not limited to, coffee and food vending service companies, service companies, commissaries, food supply chain operators, wholesale distributor, shipping lines, brokers, equipment manufacturers, suppliers of products and services to operating service companies, and food vending and distribution trade associations.</i>
	<b>Food Industry Support</b>	Representing business entities that provide direct or support services to food service establishments, retail food establishments, processing food operations, vending and distribution food operations, or regulatory agencies. <i>Examples include, but not limited to, professional organizations, food protection support trade associations, pest control companies, auditing firms, standards associations, consultants, cleaning and sanitation management operations, training and/or testing companies or services, equipment and supply operations, software and technology, dieticians or dietary managers, media, and legal representatives.</i>
<b>Academia</b>	Academic professionals employed by a college or university involved in education or research involving food sciences, food operations, or food safety. <i>Examples include, but not limited to, professors, adjunct instructors, researchers, teaching assistants, and extension agents.</i>	
<b>Consumer</b>	Employees, agents or executives representing consumer advocacy organizations supporting food safety, food wholesomeness, allergen awareness, food policy matters, and food standards and guidelines.	
<b>Emeritus</b>	Retired or honorably discharged from full-time work and no longer receiving compensation for work related to the Conference's mission. <i>This constituency includes professionals who, prior to retirement, were members of any Conference stakeholder group for at least three (3) biennial cycles (6 years); contiguous biennial cycles not required.</i>	
<b>Student</b>	Students enrolled in a two-year, four-year, or graduate program in a college or university involving food sciences, food operations, or food safety.	