

FDA Rapid Response Teams

*The “Food Protection Rapid Response
Team and Program Infrastructure
Improvement Prototype Project”*

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FDA Rapid Response Teams

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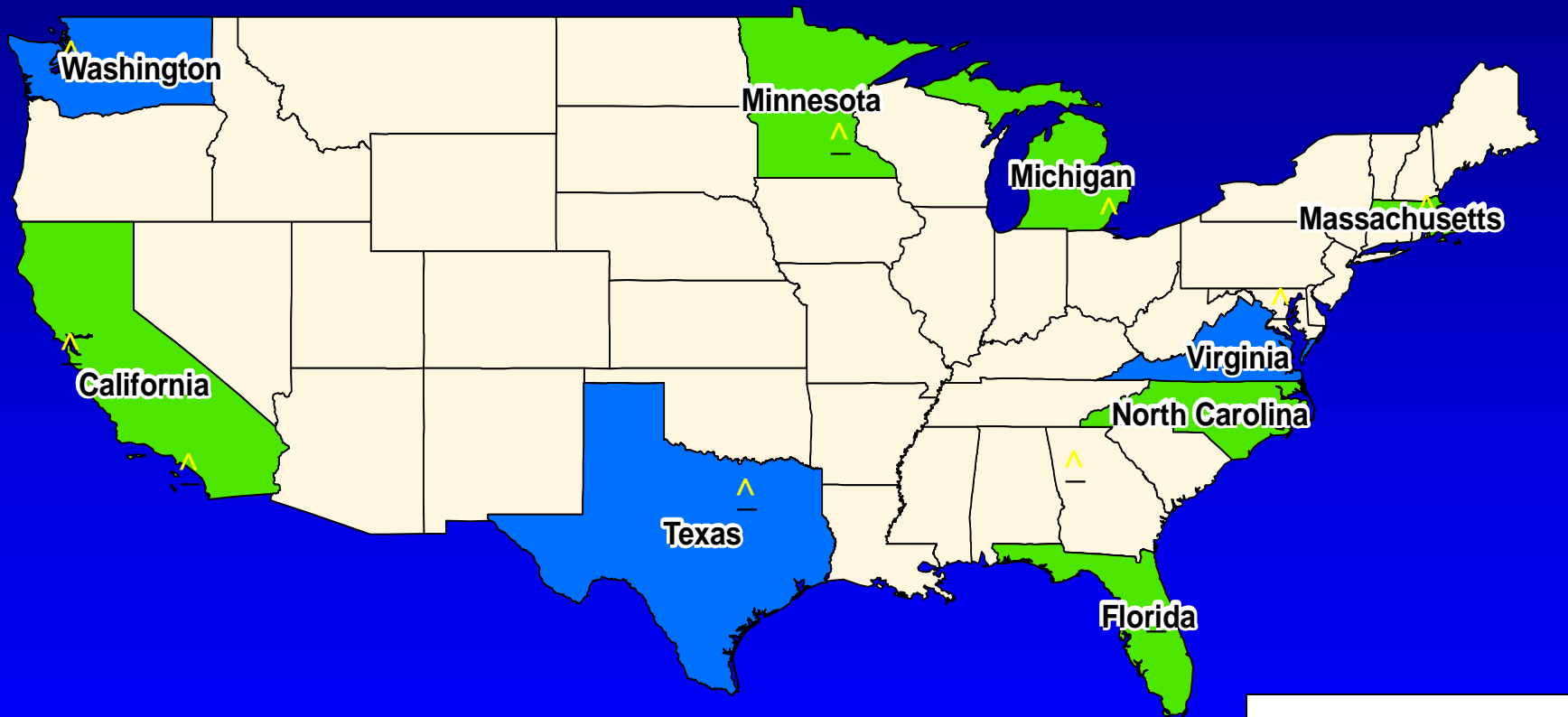
Background

The “Food Protection Rapid Response Team and Program Infrastructure Improvement Prototype Project”




- Factors Leading to this Project:
 - National interest in improving response and food safety
 - » HSPD’s, FDA’s, White House Food Safety Working Group, etc.
 - Funding from Congress
- 3-year Cooperative Agreement
 - \$1.5 Million for each selected RRT, over 3 years
- 9 States/10 Districts Participating
 - 6 RRTs started in 2008 (CA, FL, MA, MI, MN, NC)
 - 3 RRTs started in 2009 (TX, VA, WA)

Rapid Response Teams

- Nine Pilot RRTs -



KEY

-  6 First RRTs (2008)
-  3 New RRTs (2009)
-  FDA District Office

Rapid Response Team Project Goals

- **Development of Response Capabilities Metrics/Playbook**
- **Improved Food Protection Infrastructure (MFRPS)**
- **Strengthened Collaboration**
 - Intra-state, inter-state, federal-state, inter-initiative/agency
- **Fully integrated and sustained response capabilities**

RRTs 2010 Annual Meeting

July 26-28, 2010 in New Orleans, LA

- **9 Pilot RRTs + Partners**
 - Each RRT shared strengths and tools with the others (presentations, files, discussions, etc.)
- **Discussion, alignment, and identification of goals, directions, and strategy**

9 Pilot RRTs Build a Foundation for Rapid Response Capability Development

		Phases of a Food Incident Response				
Core Components	Preparedness	Surveillance/ Detection	Investigation (Lab/Epi/Envi)	Mitigation/ Control	Post-Response/ Prevention	
A. Collaboration		Use epi. info. from local/state/federal partners (Std. #5)				
B. Communication						
C. Policies & Procedures	State Food Emergency Response Plan (FERP)					
D. Resources	Training plan for staff (RRT milestone; Std. #2)					

Develop Measures

5= FERP incorporated into state response plan; exercised regularly

4 = FERP incorporated into state response plan

3 = Have a plan representing public health stakeholders

2 = Have a plan representing the individual agency's responsibility

1 = No plan

Next Steps & Long-Term

- **Next Steps (“Deliverables” for the coming months)**
 - MFRPS
 - SOPs
 - RRT Best Practices
 - Commodity-Specific Inspection Tools

Metrics
(overarching)
- **Long-term (by next year and beyond)**
 - RRTs and MFRPS:
 - Building programs together
 - Rapid Response Capabilities: Best Practices + Metrics
 - Food Protection Infrastructure: Compliance with the MFRPS
 - Integrated Food Safety System

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- **FDA's District Offices**
 - Implementation
 - Opportunities & Challenges
 - Goals & Outcomes

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- **State Perspectives**
 - Implementation
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Thank you!

Questions?