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**SPECIALISTS FROM FOOD PROTECTION INSTITUTE TO SPEAK AT  
REGULATORY WORKSHOP**

*Workshop set for March 18-21 in St. Louis, Mo.*

**ST. LOUIS, Mo – Two representatives of the Global Food Protection Institute (GFPI) will speak at a three-day workshop on regulatory standards for manufactured foods.**

Dr. Preston Hicks, Vice President of Resource Development and Evaluation at GFPI, and Diana Pearce, Director of Curriculum at GFPI's International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI), will make presentations at the Manufactured Foods Regulatory Program Alliance (MFRPA) workshop in St. Louis, Mo. The workshop, set for March 18-21, will focus on Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS).

Dr. Hicks will talk about "Managing Grant Writing" at 2 p.m. March 18, and Pearce will present an "Introduction to Project Management" at 11 a.m. March 19.

The workshop is open to state and federal manufactured-food regulatory managers and will include presentations, discussions and exercises. Participation in this workshop will assist regulatory officials in conforming to the MRFPS and will further advance the development of an Integrated Food Safety System. Conformance with the MRFPS is mandated by the U.S. Food Safety Modernization Act.

"At the International Food Protection Training Institute, we are focused on strengthening the infrastructure of the Integrated Food Safety System," said Hicks. "This workshop will give regulatory officials the tools to conform to the mandates of the Food Safety Modernization Act and improve the safety of the food supply."

**About the Training Institute**

The Training Institute is an initiative of the [Global Food Protection Institute \(GFPI\)](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Battle Creek, Mich., that is driving the adoption of food protection policies and practices for a safer global food supply. GFPI's mission is to improve public health and reduce mortality, morbidity and economic costs associated with foodborne illnesses.

The Training Institute is building and administering the training infrastructure for the nation's Integrated Food Safety System. The Training Institute is dedicated to improving food safety by building training systems, providing evidence-based curriculum, and delivering training for U.S.

and international public and private sector food safety professionals that span their entire careers.

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