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INTERNATIONAL FOOD PROTECTION TRAINING INSTITUTE (IFPTI) EXCEEDS TRAINING GOAL FOR 2010

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Oct. 07 - [The International Food Protection Training Institute](http://www.ifpti.org) (IFPTI), the leader in delivering career-spanning, standards-based food protection training to state and local food safety officials, announced today that it has trained 1,138 food safety regulators, exceeding its training goal of 1,000 officials for 2010.

More than 75 percent of the trainees were U.S. federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial regulators representing 47 of the 50 states. Members of academia, industry and other international representatives made up the balance. In addition to the scheduled courses, IFPTI provided emergency “just-in-time” training for regulatory agencies and industries affected by the BP oil spill in the Gulf.

“We are very pleased to have surpassed our goal in 2010. In 2011, pending the availability of funding included in the President’s FY2011 Budget, we look to more than double our impact and train 2,000-3,000 food protection regulatory and public health officials with a focus on Train-the-Trainer to build capacity,” said Gerald Wojtala, IFPTI’s Executive Director.

Working with FDA, IFPTI is building the training infrastructure for the national integrated food safety system. Specifically, IFPTI is focused on achieving four strategic objectives:

- Developing a Training Network to provide technical, management, and leadership training to regulatory and public health officials.
- Serving as the hub for the administration of a Training Network.
- Developing and delivering standards-based training programs not currently offered.
- Building an Instructor Cadre to ensure the availability of highly trained instructors within regulatory and public health agencies across all jurisdictions.

“IFPTI continues to move rapidly in order to meet the challenge of supporting the integration of the food safety system by assuring the best trained food protection officials across the U. S. and abroad,” said Wojtala.

About IFPTI

The International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization delivering standards-based, career-spanning food protection training for state and local food protection professionals to assure competency and equivalency in meeting established U.S. federal food safety standards. The Institute, a member of the Global Food Protection Institute, seeks to protect the public’s health by building the training infrastructure for the national integrated food protection system that ensures the safety of the U.S. food supply. IFPTI’s training facilities are located in Western Michigan University’s Kendall Center in Battle Creek, MI. Initial funding for IFPTI has been provided by a grant from the [W. K. Kellogg Foundation](http://www.wkkellogg.org). For more information, visit www.ifpti.org.

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