Dear Colleagues,

As you may know, the USDA-NIFA, IFSN and FDA-CFSAN have partnered to implement components of the Food Safety Modernization Act. FDA-CFSAN has set up a Produce Safety Network, that will constitute a new mechanism for FDA to interact locally, with state and other regulatory partners. This is a component of the “Phase 2 implementation” work around the produce safety rule, and a new approach for FDA to enhance their collaboration and partnership efforts.

As a result, FDA has announced positions for 8 candidates with very specialized experience and skillsets to supplement the comprehensive efforts related to produce safety. These new hires will not only be remotely located from DPS’ CFSAN-based office, but will also be critical liaisons to/with FDA’s State and local regulatory bodies. Additionally, they will also be expected to work as produce Consumer Safety Officers (CSOs) the same as current FDA CFSAN Division of Produce Safety staff do. They plan to locate them across the country, based on USDA/NIFA’s 4 regions (SARE) used to set up the NCC and RC’s, and on the approximate volume of produce from these areas.

We would greatly appreciate it if you were to please forward these to any possible candidates, that have a strong background and interest in produce safety, outreach and collaboration, and being part of the regulatory and technical advisory efforts of FDA. The announcements here have most of the information available, even though we are still setting up this Network.

The announcements for the Consumer Safety Officer PSN have been posted onto the USAJobs website. **The announcements will close on 7/15/16.**

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