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**Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network (FoodNet) Vision Meeting, March 8-9, 2007**

Dear Colleague,

In collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Food and Drug Administration, we are pleased to invite you to the 2007 FoodNet Vision Meeting. The primary goal of this meeting is to review overall program accomplishments from previous years and to establish program goals and priorities for the upcoming year. The meeting will also focus on details specific to various projects (e.g., active surveillance, case-control studies) currently being undertaken by the FoodNet group and those projects that are in the planning phase. An integral part of this workshop is to have participation of the regulatory partners and those partners from the FoodNet sites, including the FoodNet Principal Investigator, the FoodNet Project Coordinator, and the FoodNet Surveillance Officers. Each group will bring different ideas and perspectives to the meeting.

The FoodNet Vision Meeting will be hosted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Coordinating Center for Infectious Diseases, National Center for Zoonotic, Vectorborne and Enteric Diseases, Enteric Diseases Epidemiology Branch, FoodNet on March 8-9, 2007. A full day FoodNet scientific meeting will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> preceding the Vision Meeting. Sessions will include talks on sero-epidemiology and Shiga-toxin producing *Escherichia coli*. A meeting of FoodNet coordinators will also occur on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The Vision Meeting will take place in Building 19 of the CDC Roybal campus, Atlanta, Georgia and will begin at 8:00am on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and adjourn at 12:30pm Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. A draft agenda and information concerning hotel accommodations, restaurants, and transportation can be found on our website <http://www.cdc.gov/foodnet/>.

If you plan to attend the 2007 FoodNet Vision Meeting, please contact Mary Patrick via e-mail at [mde0@cdc.gov](mailto:mde0@cdc.gov) by **February 7, 2007**. At that time, please provide the following information\*:

Your name  
Your title  
Your affiliation

**\*Due to strict CDC security policies, additional information is required for non-U.S. citizens. Please contact Mary Patrick immediately if you are a non-U.S. citizen and plan to attend the Vision meeting.**

We look forward to seeing you and would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support and collaboration.

Sincerely,

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