

Summary of Project

Project: Acquisition of Environmental Health Software

Note: Grant funded (from FDA)

The City of Vineland Department of Health is seeking to obtain a Web-enabled environmental health data management system designed to manage all of the Department's regulatory program areas in a single consolidated data base. The interface should provide our agency's end-users with an intuitive, yet feature-rich experience. The benefit to the acquisition and use of health department specific software will primarily be to spend more time in the field, conducting inspections and educating foodhandlers and management on the critical aspects of food safety. We are currently struggling to keep up with inspection frequency requirements, educational efforts and enforcement procedures with our current system.

The software system should automate field data collection and provide up-to-date information to field inspection staff and operate remotely. Field staff must have complete site compliance (historical data) for all facilities in the system in an off-line version and be able to capture signatures electronically for inclusion on a printed inspection report.

The product shall be capable of maintaining its data in our City controlled databases for our oversight and retrieval. Said software will monitor time on task for our inspectors when in the field initiating and terminating an inspection of an environmental health task and reporting same daily, weekly monthly, etc. Statistics will be very easy to generate for our supervisors with this new system. Statistics are required for our NJ annual report, FDA reporting and any request by Administration.

The Retail food program will be the first aspect to be completed. Other programs will be converted, as time allows and need dictates.