



## Association of Food and Drug Officials

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### **JACOB P. MULTERER OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION RECEIVES THE AFDO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Burlington, Vermont – Jacob P. Multerer of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WI-DATCP) was awarded the AFDO Achievement Award at the 122<sup>nd</sup> AFDO Annual Educational Conference on June 12, 2018.

The AFDO Achievement Award is given for one or more specific achievements or for a documented, sustained, high level performance. To be eligible for the award, one must be in his or her first ten years of service as a sanitarian, inspector, investigator, milk specialist, food specialist, radiological health inspector, consumer product safety inspector, laboratory analyst, or similar regulatory position. He or she must be a field person; that is, one who goes out of the office to make inspections a significant portion of the time. The recipient may not be a supervisor unless the work for which he or she was nominated was done as a field person and it played a role in the promotion to supervisor. The recipient must be employed by a federal, state, county, or municipal regulatory agency, which has at least one employee as a member of AFDO.

Jacob is a sanitarian that WI-DATCP relies on to conduct the most challenging and complex inspections as well as train new and existing employees. In the past year alone, Jacob has identified several major food safety concerns within the processes of very large manufactured food facilities and has followed through with the necessary recalls, holding orders, and disposal agreements.

Specifically in the last year, Jacob identified a firm that processes multiple jams, jellies, baked goods and acidified food products. During the course of the four-day inspection, Jacob led a team of three inspectors and identified issues with allergens, cross contamination, errors in processing records, and potential deviations in process controls. This inspection led to an in-depth partnership between WI-DATCP and the firm as both entities worked together to achieve compliance. The work Jacob has done with this firm has impacted the approach WI-DATCP takes in these situations and has bolstered the conversation about how to educate and partner with industry to achieve uniformity in regulation and compliance.

#### **About the Association of Food and Drug Officials:**

*The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO), established in 1896, successfully fosters uniformity in the adoption and enforcement of science-based food, drug, medical devices, cosmetics and product safety laws, rules, and regulations. AFDO and its six Regional Affiliates provide the mechanism and the forum where regional, national and international issues are deliberated and resolved to uniformly provide the best public health and consumer protection in the most expeditious and cost effective manner.*

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