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THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD SAFETY DIVISION RECEIVES THE ELLIOT O. GROSVENOR FOOD SAFETY AWARD



(Left to Right) Jessica Badour,
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Burlington, Vermont – The Georgia Department of Agriculture Food Safety Division (GDA) was awarded the Elliot O. Grosvenor Food Safety Award at the 122nd AFDO Annual Educational Conference on June 12, 2018.

The Elliot O. Grosvenor Food Safety Award was created to recognize leaders who best showcase improvement, innovation, or sustained high performance within a food safety program. A food safety program could include responsibility for: food safety, food protection, and food defense or food sanitation.

Each year, AFDO seeks nominations from throughout the food safety community and convenes an independent panel of food safety experts from academia, industry and the regulatory community to select the winners. Nominations are evaluated based on proven achievements that further food safety breakthroughs, systems improvements, education and training, and community outreach.

The GDA exemplifies the spirit of advancing a nationally integrated food safety system (IFSS) by maintaining conformance with the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS) and providing the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) the foundation to improve the quality of contracts, coordination of inspections, investigations and enforcement to effectively and efficiently protect public health.

By using the standards as a road-map, GDA has made tremendous strides in building a high-quality regulatory program that is organized, focused, and accountable. GDA continues to build capacity and maintain the foundational core necessary to sustain a robust integrated system by relying on mutual reliance tactics that protect public health. This joint approach is beneficial in conserving resources, avoiding duplication of work, improving communication between agencies, and promoting an integrated methodology of a unified workforce.

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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