

Food Defense Coordinator Recertification

The AIB Food Defense Resource Center has developed a variety of ways to maintain and update your Food Defense Coordinator Certification. The options for recertification are:

- ◆ **Food Defense Webinars:** The Food Defense Resource Center offers webinars to update Food Defense Coordinators (FDCs). Webinars are a very effective training tool in which you participate from your own internet-accessible computer and telephone. The webinar allows multiple participants to sign in to a training course through the internet. A PowerPoint presentation is shown and instructors can be heard through the phone system. Subscribers are allowed to submit questions via computer to the presenters and these are answered throughout the various sections. The main advantage of the webinar is it eliminates travel expense and allows flexibility in scheduling.

Participation is limited to FDCs. You must sign up in advance and complete the webinar before your certification expires. Seats are limited in each session, so advance registration is suggested. For a list of scheduled webinars, visit:

<http://www.aibfooddefense.org/webinars.html>

- ◆ **Food Defense Courses:** As you may have noticed, many trade associations, conferences, and other food-related events have included food defense presentations on their agendas. If you have attended one of these events or are active with an association, you may have met the food defense training requirements. The AIB Food Defense Resource Center will honor your participation in these courses. To remain fair and flexible, we only require that the topic of food defense must have lasted for a duration of at least two hours and be part of a formal program.

If you choose to maintain your certification by attending another event, we ask you to submit an application that lists the event details. The application form is posted at <http://www.aibfooddefense.org/FDCProofofAttendanceForm.pdf>. A formal certificate of attendance must accompany the application. All applications are subject to review and acceptance by the AIB Food Defense Resource Center. Attendance at the event must have occurred within your current certification period.

- ◆ **AIB Food Defense Coordinator Seminar:** Some may wish to attend AIB's FDC seminar for review and update. While the content will be similar, it is always beneficial to meet others and discuss the topics of food defense. We continue to revise the presentations and workshops to ensure we provide the most current and accurate information.
- ◆ **AIB Food Defense Coordinator Online:** The online version of the Food Defense Coordinator seminar.

We trust the FDC certification program has been beneficial for you, your company, and your customers. We look forward to talking with you in the near future.