

NOTE: The following are plans of action floated among members of the Bush Grant Advisory Committee. Distinction between priority points of action, those which should be explored further, and action ideas which may be dropped will be determined at a future date. For now, all potential actions discussed at meetings are illustrated here.

SHORT TERM (0-2 yrs)

1. Improved inspector communication of role
2. Simple, visual representation (s) of regulatory concepts
3. Joint educational & problem-solving forums 2x per year in 8 locations in MN
4. Workshops/Educational Opportunity for Food Entrepreneurs
5. Research "Minnesota Business First Stop" (DEED)
6. Food safety volunteers (retired inspectors)
7. Map/List of economic development organizations

MEDIUM TERM (3-5 yrs)

1. In-depth feasibility modeling research of Minneapolis 311 system
2. Regional Food Safety Experts
3. Second Opinion Campaign (led by MDA/MDH)

LONG TERM (5 yrs and beyond)

1. Statutory changes
2. Implementing statewide 311 system
3. Realignment/streamlining/restructuring (MDA/MDH/Delegated Agency)



Bush Grant Advisory Committee Vision Statement:

Minnesota promotes food safety and economic development through a user-friendly food business regulatory system that is coordinated, reliable and efficient.

- **Entrepreneurs** of small and large food businesses successfully navigate Minnesota's easy-to-understand, transparent and streamlined system. Operators obtain the appropriate licenses and certifications and produce safe food for consumers.
- **Regulators** from agencies across Minnesota (MDH, MDA, and delegated local agencies) freely share knowledge and work a timely manner with entrepreneurs of food businesses and with each other. Regulatory agencies are accountable and consistent and support education, outreach and the production and service of safe food to Minnesotans.

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