Media Resource Sheet

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An accomplished speaker, leader, and educator, Robert E. Brackett, PhD, has been an Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) Vice President and Director of IIT’s Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH) since 2010. In this capacity, Dr. Brackett draws on more than 30 years of food science expertise and management experience in industry, government and academia to drive innovation and opportunities at IFSH, a one-of-a-kind applied food science research institute where stakeholders can develop and exchange knowledge in state-of-the-art facilities to address key issues in food safety, food defense and nutrition.

Before joining IFSH, Dr. Brackett was senior vice president and chief science and regulatory officer for the Grocery Manufacturers Association (GMA), a position he held since 2007. Previously, he worked at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (FDA CFSAN), where he started as a senior microbiologist in the Office of Plant and Dairy Foods and Beverages in 2000. After several promotions, Dr. Brackett was appointed CFSAN Director, where from 2004-2007 he provided executive leadership to CFSAN’s development and implementation of programs and policies relative to the composition, quality, safety and labeling of foods, food and color additives, dietary supplements and cosmetics. Earlier in his career, Dr. Brackett held professorial positions with North Carolina State University in Raleigh and the University of Georgia at Griffin.

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IIT Institute for Food Safety and Health

The Institute for Food Safety and Health at Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT IFSH) is a one-of-a-kind applied food research institute that provides stakeholders in government, industry and academia the opportunity to develop and exchange knowledge and expertise to address key issues in food safety, food defense and nutrition. Powered by a singular combination of in-depth food science expertise and state-of-the-art research capabilities, IFSH’s collaborative research model helps stakeholders define and design innovative and practical approaches to solving real-world challenges in food industry operations. Located at IIT’s Moffett Campus in Bedford Park, IL, IFSH is also home to the FDA CFSAN Division of Food Processing Science and Technology. For more, visit www.iit.edu/ifsh.

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