FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Julie Larson Bricher
IFSH Communications Manager
503.409.9421
jbricher@iit.edu

IIT Institute for Food Safety and Health Announces Sprout Safety Alliance Website Launch

(Bedford Park, IL) June 15, 2012 – Illinois Institute of Technology’s Institute for Food Safety and Health (IIT IFSH) is pleased to announce the launch of the Sprout Safety Alliance (SSA) website, www.iit.edu/ifsh/sprout_safety.

IIT IFSH is coordinating the national alliance, a public-private partnership funded by a cooperative grant through the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) Office of Foods. The SSA is designed to assist sprout growers and producers in identifying and implementing best practices in the safe production of sprouts. The alliance will develop a core curriculum and training and outreach programs for stakeholders in the sprout production community.

The SSA web pages, hosted by IIT IFSH, feature a range of sprout safety resources and educational materials, committee and working group rosters, government and industry links, upcoming event listings, and more.

"SSA's online presence is a vital part of our education and outreach toolbox," said Stephen Grove, PhD, IIT IFSH Industry Projects Manager and SSA co-coordinator. "The website is designed to help stakeholders quickly and easily find best practices and training resources."

###

Illinois Institute of Technology's (IIT) Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH) is a one-of-a-kind applied food science 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, IIT 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