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IFSH AND USDA-ARS SIGN FIVE-YEAR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

(BEDFORD PARK, IL) April 11, 2011 – The Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH), Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), today announced that it has signed a five-year memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) to develop and enhance cooperative farm-to-fork research initiatives.

Under the agreement, IFSH and USDA-ARS will work closely together to create new, and support existing, cooperative research programs and knowledge exchanges within the broad scope of innovation in food safety, food processing science and human nutrition. The organizations will jointly explore and coordinate research activities of interest and work toward long-term cooperation in agricultural research and development programs.

"IFSH's continued partnership with USDA-ARS underscores our organizations' mutual commitment to creating innovative research initiatives that will enhance food safety and nutrition for all consumers," said IFSH Vice President and Director Robert E. Brackett, PhD.

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The Institute for Food Safety and Health (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 the Illinois Institute of Technology's (IIT) 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