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## **DIA Sponsors Food Safety, Food Defense Workshops**

DES MOINES, IOWA (May 14, 2013) – The Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) is co-sponsoring a series of free half-day workshops designed to acquaint food service workers with “Best Practices for Food Safety and Food Defense for Retail Food Service”. The workshops will be held in four locations in the State during the month of June.

During the workshops, participants will learn about the importance of active managerial control over the preparation and service of food products. Also discussed will be topics dealing with food defense through the flow of food, key changes in the 2009 and 2011 Food Code and Food Code Supplement, fresh produce selection, and hygienic practices. Food safety personnel will be present during the workshops to answer participants’ questions.

While preregistration is not necessary, participants are encouraged to register online as seating is limited at each of the locations. Each workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 12:30 p.m. Registration and more information are available at the following website: <http://bit.ly/Xp9INZ>. The workshops will be conducted at the following locations and dates:

- Western Iowa Tech Community College, Sioux City – Monday, June 10
- Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo – Monday, June 17
- Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa – Monday, June 24
- Iowa Beef Industry Council Building, Ames – Wednesday, June 26

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