

Ohio Public Health Association Contract

**Executive Summary:** This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Health to amend contract CT 5001 PS2024\*364 with the Ohio Public Health Association to provide temporary staffing for Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS) to assist with short-term staffing needs. The anticipated term of the amendment will be for one additional year. The REHS will conduct field inspections of licensed retail food establishments (RFEs) and food service operations (FSOs) to enforce the Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code, and protect public health. The REHS will ensure public swimming pools, spas and special use pools meets the requirements of Chapter 3749 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Chapter 3701-31 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) in order to meet and maintain sanitation and safety standards.

**Essential Job Functions:**

- Inspection and appropriate code enforcement of food service operations, retail food establishments, school inspections, and FOG (fat, oil and grease) inspections. Efficiently uses resources to mitigate health hazards.
- Inspection and appropriate code enforcement of public swimming pools, spas and special use pools. Efficiently uses resources to mitigate health hazards.
- Prepares records and reports related to inspection activities. Proficient in the use of appropriate database(s) (i.e., Accela, HDIS, HealthSpace, etc.) to complete required reports and maintain records of inspection activities.
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- Train operators as needed. Develops and provides educational programs and materials regarding safe food preparation, handling, and storage practices or other health related practices including, but not limited to, level 1 food safety training. Develops and provides educational programs and materials regarding public swimming pools, spas and special use pools safety and maintenance.
- Consult with stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Health and the United States Department of Agriculture, regarding food protection codes or practices, or other environmental health and safety codes and practices.

**Contract Program Amount:** not to exceed \$100,000

**Contract Term:** 3/1/2025 – 2/28/2026, with one additional year option to renew

**Contract Funding Source:** Environment General Fund