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TO: Local Boards of Health and Health Departments

FROM: Michael Moore, MDPH/BEH Food Protection Program

DATE: January 3, 2011

RE: Vendors Approved by MDPH to Provide Allergen Awareness Training

The following three vendors are approved by Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) to issue certificates of allergen awareness training in accordance with 105 CMR 590.009(G)(3)(a)[1].

- Compliance – To comply with 105 CMR 590.009(G)(3)(a), at least ***one certified food protection manager per food establishment*** must obtain an allergen awareness certificate from one of these three MDPH-approved vendors.
- Online Training – To obtain an allergen awareness certificate over the Internet, visit a vendor's website, pay $10, and follow the instructions for watching the allergen awareness video.
- Classroom Training - To obtain an allergen awareness certificate in a classroom setting, contact a vendor and ask for information about available classroom trainings.

Berkshire Area Health Education Center 703 West Housatonic St., Suite 208 Pittsfield, MA 01201	**Options to be trained by Berkshire AHEC:** • Visit their website at www.berkshireahec.org • Contact Timothy Diehl at tdiehl@berkshireahec.org • Call 413-447-2417, or 866-976-AHEC (2432)
CompuWorks Systems, Inc. 591 North Ave, Door 2 Wakefield, MA 01880	**Options to be trained by CompuWorks:** • Visit their website at www.compuworks.com • Contact James Donaher at jdonaher@compuworks.com • Call 781-224-1113
Massachusetts Restaurant Association 333 Turnpike Road, Suite 102 Southborough, MA 01772	**Options to be trained by MRA:** • Visit the MRA website at www.marestaurantassoc.org • Call 508-303-9905

[1] 105 CMR 590.009(G)(3)(a) - By February 1, 2011, such food establishments [establishments that cook, prepare, or serve food intended for immediate consumption either on or off the premises] shall have on staff a certified food protection manager who has been issued a Massachusetts certificate of allergen awareness training by an allergen awareness training verification program recognized by the Department. The certificate will be valid for 5 years.