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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)<sup>1</sup>.

- 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.

<p><b>Berkshire Area Health Education Center</b> 703 West Housatonic St., Suite 208 Pittsfield, MA 01201</p>	<p><b>Options to be trained by Berkshire AHEC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit their website at <a href="http://www.berkshireahec.org">www.berkshireahec.org</a></li> <li>• Contact Timothy Diehl at <a href="mailto:tdiehl@berkshireahec.org">tdiehl@berkshireahec.org</a></li> <li>• Call 413-447-2417, or 866-976-AHEC (2432)</li> </ul>
<p><b>CompuWorks Systems, Inc.</b> 591 North Ave, Door 2 Wakefield, MA 01880</p>	<p><b>Options to be trained by CompuWorks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit their website at <a href="http://www.compuworks.com">www.compuworks.com</a></li> <li>• Contact James Donaher at <a href="mailto:jdonaher@compuworks.com">jdonaher@compuworks.com</a></li> <li>• Call 781-224-1113</li> </ul>
<p><b>Massachusetts Restaurant Association</b> 333 Turnpike Road, Suite 102 Southborough, MA 01772</p>	<p><b>Options to be trained by MRA:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit the MRA website at <a href="http://www.marestaurantassoc.org">www.marestaurantassoc.org</a></li> <li>• Call 508-303-9905</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> 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.