## Peer Review Plan

**Preliminary Title:** Farm Costs of Implementing the Food Safety Modernization Act

**Type of Report** (ERR, EIB, EB, TB, SOR,)
- **EIB**

**Agency:**
- Economic Research Service (ERS)
- USDA

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**Subject of Review:**
Under the Food Safety Modernization Act of 2011, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will start to implement its Producer Safety Rule in phases beginning in 2018 that will increase costs for farms supplying almost all the produce sold in the United States. This study estimates differential farm-level cost of implementing the Produce Safety Rule based on farm, commodity and county.

**Purpose of Review:**
The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

**Type of Review:**
- [ ] Panel Review
- [X] Individual Reviewers
- [ ] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

**Timing of Review (Est.):**
- Start: 2/13/17
- End: 7/24/17
- Completed: 7/24/17

**Number of Reviewers:**
- [ ] 3 or fewer
- [x] 4 to 10
- [ ] More than 10

**Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review:** Economists

**Reviewers selected by:**
- [X] Agency
- [ ] Designated Outside Organization

**Organization’s Name:**

**Opportunities for Public Comment?**
- [ ] Yes
- [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

**How:**

**When:**

**Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?**
- [ ] Yes
- [X] No

**Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?**
- [ ] Yes
- [X] No