



Greetings,

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is reaching out to gauge interest from public health partners across the State to assist with the inspection process for Mobile Food Vendors (MFVs). House Bill (HB) 2844 (89th Legislative Session) requires inspections of all MFVs and to obtain one license with DSHS in order to operate throughout Texas. Your participation and collaboration will play a crucial role in achieving these objectives and supporting the safe operation of MFVs throughout Texas.

The purpose of this notification is to invite Local Health Entities (LHEs) to enter into a contract with DSHS to inspect MFVs operating within the respective jurisdictions for reimbursement by DSHS. The draft statement of work of the Contract which contains the requirements is attached for reference. The goal will be to have the program activities start by July 1, 2026, under the contract.

DSHS requests interested parties to complete the attached MFV Letter of Intent form. Please submit the form via email to lacy.alexander@dshs.texas.gov by 5:00 pm, March 4, 2026. Providing the MFV Letter of Intent to DSHS does not constitute a contract or obligate a Local Partner to enter an agreement with DSHS. This information will assist DSHS in the planning and implementation of the MFV licensing and inspection programs.

DSHS appreciates your assistance and looks forward to partnering with you to protect and ensure food safety in Texas.

In related news, HB 2844 draft rules are currently available for final comment from February 20th-March 23rd. Please visit the Texas Register to view the rules and provide comments.

Thank you,