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ABGI AND FACTOR IV SOLUTIONS ENHANCE FOOD SAFETY LEVERAGING THE ALLTRAQ SYSTEM IN ALIGNMENT WITH FDA'S INITIATIVE

**ABGI and Factor IV boost food safety with AllTraq, supporting
FDA's leafy greens initiative.**




OKLAHOMA CITY, June 12, 2023 /LinkedIn/ -- American Biomedical Group, Inc. (ABGI) and Factor IV Solutions announced their ongoing commitment to enhancing food safety in the agriculture industry. This commitment aligns with the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) recent initiative to improve the safety of leafy green harvest equipment, a critical component of the nation's food supply chain.

The FDA has planned a first-of-its-kind assignment for the fiscal year 2023-24 to inspect and sample leafy green harvest equipment. This initiative was prompted by the recovery of an outbreak strain of *Listeria monocytogenes* from harvest equipment, raising concerns about the potential for human pathogens to persist on such equipment after cleaning and sanitizing, and subsequently being transmitted to produce.

The assignment is part of the FDA's Leafy Greens STEC Action Plan. The hazards to be analyzed include *Listeria monocytogenes* and *E. coli* O157:H7. The inspections will focus on equipment used in the harvest of "carton ready" and "process ready" leafy greens, including equipment used in field harvest activities related to fully intact lettuce heads and lettuce intended for processing.



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ABGI, a leading provider of real-time location tracking solutions, has been at the forefront of technology-driven solutions in the biomedical field. Their expertise in developing and implementing advanced tracking systems has made significant contributions to various industries from aerospace to agriculture. Factor IV Solutions, on the other hand, has carved a niche for itself as a sanitation consulting company specializing in food safety. Their work focuses on creating, revising, or updating sanitation program documents for harvesting, packing, or processing operations, ensuring that food production meets the highest safety standards.



For over eight years, ABGI and Factor IV Solutions have been collaborating to bring their respective expertise to bear on a common goal: enhancing food safety. James K. Burgess III, President & CEO of ABG Tag and Traq, said, "Our collaboration with Factor IV Solutions has been about ensuring food safety. The advanced capabilities of the AllTraq system is a testament to our commitment. It provides real-time data that verifies proper sanitation procedures, directly supporting the FDA's initiative."

The AllTraq system is a groundbreaking solution that provides live data on each harvester and detects the exact range of RFID tags on sanitation vehicles and cleaning equipment. This precise tracking capability allows the system to record how long cleaning equipment and employees are within a specific range of the harvester, providing a reliable method to verify that proper cleaning procedures were met.

Justin Kerr, President of Factor IV Solutions, added, "Implementing the Alltraq system has allowed our customers to transfer data into information and knowledge that has advanced their field sanitation programs to new levels. The confidence that their sanitation programs are operating as intended is vital to assuring food safety by starting each day's harvest with clean equipment."

The impact of the AllTraq system on food safety has been profound. By ensuring that sanitation procedures are followed correctly and consistently, it has surely decreased the risk of a harvester being a source of product contamination. This has not only improved the safety of the food supply but also increased consumer confidence in the products they consume.

Looking ahead, ABGI and Factor IV Solutions plan to continue their collaboration to meet the evolving needs of the agriculture industry. They are committed to further developing the AllTraq system and exploring new ways to leverage technology for food safety.

"We are proud to support the FDA's initiative through our innovative AllTraq system," said Burgess. "We look forward to continuing our work with Factor IV Solutions to further enhance food safety."



For a visual demonstration of the AllTraq system, please visit our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericanBiomedical>.

For more information about ABGI, Factor IV Solutions, or the AllTraq system, please contact American Biomedical Group Inc, 510 E Memorial Road, Ste B1, Oklahoma City OK 73114 800-759-2244.

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