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Dr. Shawn Gibbs is executive associate dean and professor for Indiana University School of Public Health-Bloomington. He oversees the Biosafety and Infectious Disease Training Initiative (BIDTI) as its contact principal investigator. Until July 2015, Dr. Gibbs served as the associate dean for student affairs at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, as director of the Prevention/Intervention Core for the Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health, and as director of research for the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit (NBU). Dr. Gibbs is on the leadership team of both the NBU and the National Ebola Training and Education Center. As part of the NBU leadership team, Dr. Gibbs determines policies, procedures, and best practices within the NBU. These procedures were instrumental in allowing the NBU to safely treat three patients with Ebola virus disease (EVD) and were widely used for national training during the EVD outbreaks in 2014-2015.

Dr. Gibbs received both an M.S. in environmental engineering and a Ph.D. in environmental science from the University of Cincinnati. He received his MBA from University of Nebraska at Lincoln and became a certified industrial hygienist (CIH) in 2009. Dr. Gibbs has published over eighty peer-reviewed papers. At least eleven of these papers specifically address EVD, while over two dozen others address personal protective equipment, decontamination strategies, and other issues related to serious infectious diseases.