

Report and Recommendations

NORTHEAST MULTISTATE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Pier 5 Hotel - Harbor West C
711 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21202

July 11, 2010
3:00pm to 4:00pm

Acting Chair, Kirby Stafford III (CT-NH)

Present: Jon Wraith (NH) and Dan Rossi-ED

1. 2010 National Multistate Research Award for Excellence Winner
[NE1033: Biological Improvement of Chestnut through Technologies that Address Management of the Species, its Pathogens and Pests](#)
Action: For information only. The Northeast nomination won the 2010 National Award and will be honored at the APLU Meeting in November. NE1033 will also receive the regional award at the luncheon on Monday, July 11. Advisor Brad Hillman will give a brief presentation about the project and its impacts.
2. Request to approve the revised proposal, NE_TEMP1681: Design, Assessment, and Management of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems: Addressing the Challenges of Climate Change [10/2010-2015]
[Revised proposal \[PDF\]](#)
[Technical Committee response to reviewers' comments \[PDF\]](#)
Action: MAC defers action until further discussion with the directors at the NERA Meeting. The revised proposal lacks specifics in its methodology. MAC is concerned that the proposal stated that it will develop specific methodology in the first year. At this stage, the proposal should already have a well developed executable research methodology to be considered a multistate project. Perhaps it is better suited to be a NEERA project. However, it will still lack the specifics needed to qualify for multistate funding, other than travel, if it were to be a NEERA. It is a very ambitious project, but does not seem to have enough participants/expertise to complete the tasks. It reads more like an umbrella project.
3. Request to approve Request to Write for NEERA1000: Northeast Pasture Consortium [10/2011-2016]
[NEERA1000 Request to Write \[Word\]](#)
Action: Recommends approval.
4. Request to approve the proposal, NE_TEMP1661: Whole farm dairy and beef systems: gaseous emissions, P management, organic production, and pasture based production [10/2010-2015]
[Revised proposal \[PDF\]](#)

Action: MAC's concerns in March were sufficiently addressed. The revised proposal is more integrated and problem-focused. MAC recommends approval of the proposal.

5. NRSP Review Committee Recommendations

[Summary of NRSP Requests and Recommendations \[Word\]](#)

[NRSP Report \[PDF\]](#)

[NRSP Review Committee Letter to the NRSP6 Advisors regarding their review of the](#)

[NRSP temp6 proposal \[PDF\]](#)

[NRSP temp6 Technical Committee Response to the NRSP-RC Letter](#)

Action: For further discussion at the NERA Meeting, specifically the NRSP Review Committee's proposal to establish "NRSP Development Committees" for the following new areas of research support needs, the Committee identified, relating to national data repositories: plant germplasm, climate change, bioinformatics, sustainable lifecycle analysis, and functional foods.

6. Assignments:

- NRSP1 - Research Planning Using the Current Research Information System (CRIS) [10/2004 - 9/2011] - Adel Shirmohammadi (MD)
- MAC Chair - Jon Wraith (NH) [Note: As MAC Chair, Dr. Wraith will also serve as the NRSP Review Committee Member representing NERA.]
- MAC Members - Stephen Herbert (MA) and Tim Phipps (WV)

7. 2011 NERA Planning Grant

Action: For discussion at the NERA Meeting.



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