

## **Report and Recommendations**

### **NORTHEAST MULTISTATE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**The Admiral Fell Inn - Board Room [5th Floor]  
Historic Fell's Point, 888 South Broadway, Baltimore MD 21231**

**March 19, 2012  
3:00pm to 5:00pm**

**Chair, Kirby Stafford III (CT-NH)**

**Members: Tim Phipps (WV), Fred Servello (ME), Gary Thompson (PA) and Bob Schrader (NEED)**

1. Request to Write a Proposal for a Multistate Project - Ovarian Influences on Reproductive Success in Ruminants, 10/2012-9/2017 [Renewal of NE1027]

**Action:** Recommends approval of the Request to Write. The committee commends Advisor Brad Hillman for completing a midterm review of NE1027.

2. Request to Write a Proposal for a Multistate Project - Conservation and Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources, 10/2013-9/2018 [Renewal of NE 9]

**Action:** Recommends approval of Request to Write.

3. Request to Write a Proposal for a New Multistate Project - Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Other Green Environments: Understanding Human and Community Benefits and Mechanisms, 10/2012-9/2017

**Action:** Recommends approval of Request to Write. MAC noted that Objective 2 should be part of Objective 1 as an activity, and not a separate objective.

4. Request to Write a Proposal for a New Multistate Project - Mycobacterial Diseases of Animals, 10/2012-9/2017

**Action:** Recommends approval of Request to Write and MAC suggests that as they develop the proposal that they integrate and highlight the outreach/extension component of the project.

5. Request to Write a Proposal for a New Coordinating Committee – Equine Clinical Studies, 10/2012-9/2017

**Action:** Recommends approval of Request to Write.

6. Request to approve the proposal NE\_TEMP1802: Mastitis Resistance to Enhance Dairy Food Safety, 10/2012-9/2017 [Renewal of NE1028]

**Action:** Recommends approval of the proposal and MAC suggests that the Technical Committee highlights their extension activities as an integral component of the project.

7. Request to approve the proposal NE\_TEMP1881: Community Health and Resilience, 10/2012-9/2017 [Renewal of NE1029 - Rural Change: Markets, Governance and Quality of Life]

**Action:** Recommends conditional approval of the proposal upon satisfactory submission of a well-developed outreach plan including clarification of extension involvement in the project.

8. Request for off-the-top funding for FY12-13 for Northeast Multistate Projects:

- NE9: Conservation and Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources = \$233,972  
[NE9 FY2013 Budget Request](#)
- NE59: Multistate Research Coordination, Northeastern Region = \$40,788  
The funding requested is to support the Northeastern Regional Center for Rural Development.  
[NE59 FY2013 Budget Request](#)

**Action:** Recommends approval of FY13 off-the-top funding as requested: NE9=\$233,972 and NE59=\$40,788. It was noted that MAC will conduct a more detailed review of the proposed 5-year budget in the new NE9 proposal.

9. Request for off-the-top funding for FY12-13 for NRSPs

[Summary of NRSP requests and Appendix F's are attached](#)

- NRSP1 National Information Management and Support System, 2011-2016
- NRSP-3 The National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP), 2009-2014
- NRSP-4 Enabling Pesticide Registrations for Specialty Crops and Minor Uses, 2010-2015
- NRSP-6 The US Potato Genebank: Acquisition, Classification, Preservation, Evaluation and Distribution of Potato (*Solanum*) Germplasm, 2010-2015
- NRSP-7 A National Agricultural Program for Minor Use Animal Drugs, 2009-2014
- NRSP-8 National Animal Genome Research Program, 2008-2013
- NRSP-9 National Animal Nutrition Program, 2010-2015
- NRSP\_temp261 ipmPIPE National Research Support Project, 2012-2017 (*also requests review and approval of proposal*)

**Discussion:** The NRSP-1 distribution was revised to NIMSS=\$26,000 and the multistate impacts reporting = \$24,000. The Western region will lead and oversee the impact writing activity for all terminated multistate projects.

The NRSP requests will be discussed in the NERA Meeting. The Directors will vote on the amounts at the ESS Meeting in September.

NRSPs of concern are NRSP4 and NRSP9. Both were approved last year on the condition that other funding sources are identified and secured.

NRSP\_temp261 ipmPIPE proposal was greatly improved from last year's submission. There is better articulation of the research component. However, MAC has issues about the project being solely funded from off-the-top as a NRSP, since the proposal has a significant extension component. The Directors are concerned if this service is beneficial to their station scientists, and if it truly has a national scope.

#### 10. Update on the NERA Planning Grant

MAC held a teleconference on December 12, 2011, and their recommendation to award the 2012 NERA Planning Grant to the following proposals was unanimously approved by the NERA Directors by electronic ballot on January 12, 2012:

- NE1201 "Oilseed Crop Growth and Processing for Northeast Farm Profitability"
- NE1203 "Development of Proposals that Reduce Childhood Obesity through Local Procurement, Meal Preparation, and Activity Based Interventions"
- NE1204 "Development of Proposal in Response to the AFRI RFA for Obesity Prevention Among Older Teens/Emerging Adults"
- NE1205 "Prevalence and Control of Foodborne Pathogens from Foods Purchased at Farmers' Markets, Farm Stands, Cooperatives, and/or Other Direct Retail Outlets in the Northeast"

The NERA Planning Grant Summary from 2008 to 2012 is attached.

#### 11. 2012 National Multistate Research Award

This will be discussed at the NERA Meeting. One suggestion is to request Advisor Rick Rhodes III to re-submit NE1025 now NE1046: Management of Annual Bluegrass on Golf Courses: Improved Practices for Maintenance, Pest Control, and Viable Techniques for Transition to More Desirable Grasses.

#### 12. Advisor assignments for the following projects -

- New Multistate Project - Mycobacterial Diseases of Animals, 10/2012-9/2017  
Dr. Gary Thompson (PA)
- New Coordinating Committee – Equine Clinical Studies, 10/2012-9/2017  
Dr. Cameron Faustman (CTS)
- NE1027 - Ovarian Influences on Reproductive Success in Ruminants, 10/2012-9/2017 and new proposal  
Dr. Gary Thompson (PA)
- NRSP\_temp261 ipmPIPE National Research Support Project, 10/2012-2017 - Dr. Daniel Rossi (temporary)