

**Agenda Brief:** ESCOP National Research Support Project Review Committee

**Date:** September 27, 2011

**Presenter:** Ralph Cavalieri/Daniel Rossi

**Background Information:**

1. Committee Membership:

- Chair
  - Ralph Cavalieri (WAAESD)
  
- Delegates
  - Abel Ponce de Leon (NCRA)
  - Jon Wraith (NERA)
  - Clarence Watson (SAAESD)
  - Kirkland Mellad (ARD)
  - Tom Bewick (NIFA)
  - L. Washington Lyons (Cooperative Extension)
  
- Executive Director
  - Arlen Leholm (NCRA)
  
- Executive Director/Executive Vice-Chair
  - Dan Rossi (NERA)
  
- Representative
  - Don Latham (Stakeholder (CARET))

2. Meetings

The NRSP Review Committee met on June 6, 2011 by conference call.

3. NRSP Proposals Recommendations

- NRSP-1 Research Planning Using the Current Research Information System (CRIS and NIMSS)  
*Recommend approval of project proposal for 2011-2016*

4. NRSP 2011-12 Budget Request Recommendations

<u>Project</u>	<u>2010-11 Funding</u>	<u>2011-12 Request</u>	<u>2011-12 Recommended</u>
NRSP-1	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
NRSP-3	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

NRSP-4	\$481,182	\$481,182	\$481,182
NRSP-6	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000 <sup>1</sup>
NRSP-7	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000 <sup>2</sup>
NRSP-8	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
NRSP-9	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000 <sup>3</sup>

## 5. Committee Leadership

Abel Ponce de Leon will be recommended as the incoming Chair of the NRSP-RC. He would replace Chair Ralph Cavalieri on October 1, 2011. Arlen Leholm will replace Dan Rossi as the Executive Vice-Chair and will provide administrative support to the chair. Mike Harrington will be the incoming Executive Director-Member, as the next rotation of leadership will be from Western region.

**Action Requested:** Approval of NRSP-1 proposal and FY2011-12 budgets for all NRSPs.

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<sup>1</sup> The approval of the proposal and FY2010-11 budget for NRSP-6 was on condition that the Committee developed a plan for commercial users to pay for the services. A report from the NRSP-6 leadership outlined success in obtaining \$25,500 in donations from the private sector and plans to seek out additional funding for 2011-12. The NRSP-RC accepted this approach as a good faith effort in obtaining private sector support and recommends continued funding for FY2011-12.

<sup>2</sup> With the caveat that if funds equal to or less than this amount become available to NRSP-7 through a Congressional special grant or equivalent funding mechanism during FY2011-12, that amount will not be distributed to NRSP-7 from Hatch MRF.

<sup>3</sup> The approval of the proposal and FY2010-11 budget for NRSP-9 was on condition that the Committee secured matching funds for FY2010-11 and provided assurance of matching funds for FY2011-12. The NRSP-9 Committee provided evidence of a one-time commitment \$150,000 by the National Research Council and another \$25,000 for each year of the project in funding committed by the University of Kentucky. The NRSP-RC feels that these commitments are illustrative of the good faith effort on the part of NRSP-9 to meet the matching requirements and recommends continued funding for 2011-12.