

2007 Request for Pre-Proposals

Title CREATION OF INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAMS TO ADDRESS
CRITICAL ISSUES IMPACTING WASHINGTON AGRICULTURE

Purpose

Complex issues face Washington agriculture that can be resolved only by concentrated efforts of interdisciplinary teams. Funding of such teams is being initiated by re-directing a major portion of the operating funds allocated to WSU Extension agriculture programs (exclusive of natural resources). Additionally, a pool of funds is being committed to this team-building initiative by the Agricultural Research Center (ARC). The purpose of this initiative is to focus the best expertise within WSU on priority issues impacting WA agriculture by providing funding to form interdisciplinary teams that will become self-funded from grants within three years of formation.

Process

Pre-proposals are due June 15, 2007. Funded pre-proposals announced by July 1.
Full proposals are due by October 15. Funded proposals announced by November 1.

Pre-proposals and proposals will be selected for funding by a review panel.

Size of Awards

Selected pre-proposals will be funded at \$1,500 - \$3,000 each. Allocations will be made to the team leader(s) with an expectation that funds are to be expended to bring team members face-to-face in preparing a full proposal.

Successful proposals will likely be funded at \$30,000 - \$50,000. Allocations will be made annually for 2-3 years to the team leader(s) with an expectation that funding will support efforts focused on the central issue being addressed by the proposal. Annual funding will be contingent upon demonstrated progress towards the goals addressed in the full proposal.

Eligibility and Expectations

Proposals are to be outreach focused with capacity to incorporate research in addressing the issue. Successful proposals must include the following essential elements:

- Action plans and measurable impacts are consistent with WSU Extension strategic framework (<http://ext.wsu.edu/framework.pdf>) and CAHNRS strategic plan (<http://cahe.wsu.edu/fs/>) including mechanisms that permit documentation of social, environmental or economic impacts
- Team membership integrated across faculty locations (campus, center, and county) as well as expertise focus (extension and research)
- Team effort is to be focused and conducted in an inter-disciplinary manner
- Statement of anticipated social, economic or environmental impacts

- Involvement of stakeholders and partnering organizations, including (but not limited to) other colleges within WSU or PNW universities

Suggested Priority Issue Areas for Washington Agriculture

- Plant and Animal Protection (Bio-Security)
- Bio-fuel Feedstock Production and Conversion
- Local Food Systems Development
- Agriculture in Urbanizing Environments
- Marketing and Transportation Systems of Agricultural Products
- Value-added Agricultural Products
- Enhancing Global Competitiveness for Washington Agricultural Produce
- Serving Agricultural Clientele through Electronic Media
- Improving Water Use Efficiencies for Agricultural Production
- Enhancing Animal Agriculture Consistent with Environmental Protection
- Improving Production Efficiency through Technology

Template for Pre-proposals

(Please use no smaller than 11 point font and 1" margins)

Project Title:

Project Leader:

Outcomes: (150 words max) Identify the social, economic or environmental outcomes this project will achieve and how you will measure those outcomes. We are looking for a simple identification of these outcomes so do not provide a complex description. It is possible that the project you choose will have long term outcomes that are not easily measured in the time frame of these projects. If you cannot measure the outcomes of the project you will need to **be specific** about the short term results or indicators of change that will happen during or by the end of the project **and how you will measure** those changes. (At the full proposal stage, a *brief* description of the connection between short term results you propose to identify and measure and the long term outcomes will be required, including references to the appropriate research, to support your conclusions.)

Potential Participants and Partners: (List the following)

- Team Members (individuals who have agreed to be actively involved in project planning and implementation)
- Project Collaborators/Partners: Other University units, organizations, stakeholder or other groups and individuals who will provide formal input into the project planning, provide resources (time, facilities, or money), or who will partner in program implementation
- Target Audience (project participants).

Situational Statement Describing the Issue to be addressed:

Brief Description of Project (Limit to one page): Describe the project from beginning to end such that the reviewer can understand the key elements of the project including the need, planning, team participation, marketing, educational or other delivery methods that will lead to the outcomes or short term results you have identified above. Be brief and to

the point. You do not need to justify each statement made but should be confident that, if asked, the team would be capable of doing so.

Matching Funds, if any, and Source:

Outline of Anticipated Team Activities (with timelines) associated with Preparation of Full Proposal:

Submit electronically by June 15, 2007 to:

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