

ESS Priorities Survey - 2011

- 1** Did your institution have difficulty meeting the matching requirements for the Specialty Crop Research Initiative?

Great difficulty or unable to submit

Some difficulty

No difficulty

- 2** If you answered yes to the above, please indicate your type of institution below:

Note that "small 1862" refers to those institutions receiving less than 1% of annual CSREES budget (base funds + grants on a three-year rolling average).

Using data from fiscal years 2003, 2004, and 2005, this definition identifies 17 institutions: University of Alaska, University of Connecticut, University of the District of Columbia, University of Delaware, University of Hawaii, University of Idaho, University of Maine, Montana State University, North Dakota State University, University of New Hampshire, New Mexico State University, University of Nevada, University of Rhode Island, South Dakota State University, Utah State University, University of Vermont, and University of Wyoming.

In addition, the land-grant institutions in the U.S. Insular Areas also qualify as small 1862's.

1862

Small 1862

1890

- 3** Assuming that unrecovered indirect costs were allowed to meet the matching requirements, what is the maximum matching level that would not impede your ability to compete?

100%

75%

50%

25%

10%

None

- 4** The philosophy developed during the formation of CREATE-21 for requesting increased funding supported proposals advocating a 70:30 split of new funds between competitive and capacity programs respectively. Do you continue to support this proposed split?

Additional Comment

- 5** CSREES will be using a "themes" approach in future budget requests and is seeking to work more closely with the system to identify of those themes in the future. (Unfortunately, the timing for this year does not allow for our priorities to be fed into the themes identification process.) Shown below are the themes that CSREES has proposed for 2010. Please indicate the level of support/priority for each.

1	2	3	4	5
Low Priority		Medium Priority		High Priority

1. Sustaining production of agricultural bio-feed stocks for biofuels and other bioproducts, including the impact of expanded production on water use, soil fertility, and related environmental conditions. Analysis of expanded use of biofuels and other products is also needed in regard to food and feed prices and availability, domestically and worldwide.

2. Managing the consequences and contributions of agriculture practices in global climate change, particularly through educating students to assure they have agricultural and land management skills necessary to effect change.

3. Enhancing understanding of community and behavioral attributes of human nutrition to inform nutrition education and guidance programs.

4. Assuring the availability, quality, and diversity of a well-educated agricultural workforce throughout the 21st Century through strategic investments in minority serving institutions, including establishing an endowment to fund Hispanic serving institutions with agricultural programs.

- 6** The recent Budget and Advocacy Committee discussions centered on simplifying the message to Congress. Is it possible to reduce the number of lines on the request? In doing so, it is expected the message would be easier to convey and understand. Another important question discussed was "What is the next \$100 million program?" In other words is there a large program or theme that we can support.

From the list below, please indicate one or more large programs/themes

that might be considered for future support.

1	2	3	4	5
Low Priority		Medium Priority		High Priority

A large scale initiative to provide solutions for bio and renewable energy and the food crisis

Human capacity development including IGERT and young scholars programs

Food, health, obesity and food safety

Long term sustainable agriculture sites

An integrated National Plant Germplasm System

A broad water initiative including supply, quality, use, conservation, etc.

Focus on the Enviroment including long term sustainability

7 In addition to the above are there other areas that should be considered?

8 At its November meeting, the BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee will be considering options for translating identified "themes into lines" as Congress appropriates funds to "lines". In the list of options under consideration below, please indicate your preferences.

1	2	3	4	5
No Support		Some Support		Strongly Support

Focus on major increases for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI).

Use a variation of the CREATE-21 philosophy (i.e.70:30 split, small 1862s,1890s, 1994s etc.) to allocate increases among the BAC's priority programs (lines).

Align lines under themes and apply increases.

Use themes to allocate AFRI funds; Beyond AFRI use themes to justify increases in other lines.

Abandon the use of themes and set program priorities as in recent past.

9 Please indicate your regional affiliation below:

1890-ARD

NERA

NCRA

SAAESD

WAAESD



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