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Rick,

Greetings. From our recent NCRA meeting and combining the MRC and NCRA director discussions, we did review discuss the renewals of NRSP3 and NRSP10. The NRSP3 proposal was accepted and acknowledged as a highly leveraged and successful partnership project. The move from UIUC to UW Madison appears to have gone well. The NRSP10 discussion points revolved around their business plan approach and its trajectory into the next cycle. The NCRA encourages the NRSP RC to consider a detailed update by their midterm review as they potentially consider alternative funding models/processes. Lastly, it was noted that several of the project years had requests exceeding \$500,000. There is not a firm policy on this threshold, only a past practice observation. No specific directions were to be articulated.

Outside of this project review cycle with NRSP3 and NRSP 10, yet relevant to NRSPs in general, Jerry Baron did participate in our NCRA spring meeting and did provide an update (and history) on NRSP4 and allied aspects to the NCRA directors.

If you have questions, please ask. Till the NRSP RC in Rhode Island.

Jeff