




**Experiment Station
Committee on Organization
and Policy (ESCOP)**

TO: NRSP4 Administrative Advisors – Sherry Larkin (lead AA), Doug Buhler, Bradley Hillman, and Marcel Holyoak; NRSP_temp4 project editors Jerry Baron, Sherri Nagahiro, and Dan Rossi

FROM: Doug Buhler, Chair NRSP RC 

DATE: June 18, 2020

RE: Response to NRSP4's Request for Renewal

CC: NRSP RC, Regional EDs

The NRSP RC (National Research Support Project Review Committee) met via Zoom on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, to evaluate NRSP_temp4, the renewal proposal for NRSP4. The committee reviewed the proposal and project's 5-year budget submitted to NIMSS, peer reviews supplied with the proposal, responses to the peer reviews, and the reviews of the regional associations.

Overall, the NRSP RC was appreciative of the long-term value of NRSP4 and feels it fits well within the current definition of an NRSP. Peer reviews provided were also favorable, as was the feedback provided by the regional associations.

The NRSP RC will recommend renewal of NRSP4, including the requested \$481,182 annual budget, following minor proposal edits to the Experiment Station Section (ESS) during our Annual Meeting (Sept 28-30). Requested edits include the elimination of language redundancy and improved formatting consistency in the Objectives section, as well as submission of a new accomplishment report attachment without "track changes" in the document. In addition, please include a section that describes the distinction between the research activities supported by NRSP4 as compared to the larger IR-4 project.

Finally, the NRSP RC recommends NRSP4 start a collaborative discussion with the program AAs for a future model to transition off NRSP funds, with progress on this effort to be reported back to the NRSP RC no later than midterm review time.

In addition, please be mindful of the work of the NRSP RC to significantly change the NRSP Guidelines to be submitted for review this fall. These changes could have an impact on future interactions between IR4 and the NRSP system.

Thank you for the good work and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.