




Experiment Station
Committee on Organization
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TO: NRSP9 Administrative Advisors – Lesley Oliver (lead AA), Greg Lardy, Richard Rhodes III, and Bret Hess

FROM: Doug Buhler, Chair NRSP-RC 

DATE: June 18, 2020

RE: Response to NRSP9'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_temp9, the renewal proposal for NRSP9. The committee reviewed the project proposal and 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 found NRSP9 to be a comprehensive, inclusive project with great value and well-leveraged funds. In addition, the NRSP RC 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 NRSP9 as submitted, including the requested annual budgets of \$199,000, \$199,000, \$219,000, \$249,000, and \$199,000, respectively for FFYs 2021-2025. This recommendation will be subject to a vote by the Experiment Station Section (ESS) during our Annual Meeting (Sept 28-30). If approved for renewal, we recommend NRSP9 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. Also, better integration with Extension would be useful to improve the balance between the valuable research and research support being completed and sharing of the data. This integration effort should be described in the project's annual reports. Finally, the NRSP RC requests NRSP9 please submit a more complete and comprehensive impact analysis than the previous version by 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 NRSP9 and the NRSP system.

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