

**NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS**  
**The Government Performance Results Act (GPRA)**

**What is GPRA?**

The Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 is a straightforward statute that requires all Federal agencies to manage their activities with attention to the consequences of those activities. Each agency is to clearly state what it intends to accomplish, identify the resources required, and periodically report their progress to the Congress. In doing so, it is expected that GPRA will contribute to improvements in accountability for the expenditures of public funds, improve Congressional decision-making through more objective information on the effectiveness of Federal programs, and promote a new government focus on results, service delivery, and customer satisfaction.

**How has the United States Department of Agriculture, Risk Management Agency Responded to the GPRA Requirements?**

As required by GPRA, the United States Department of Agriculture, Risk Management Agency (the Agency) has prepared a strategic plan for 2004-2008. This plan reflects the Agency's priorities and integrates them with its mission and program authorities. The Agency's goal, as listed in the plan, is:

*“Preserve and strengthen the economic stability of America’s agricultural producers by promoting and supporting the use of sound risk management tools among farmers and ranchers.”*

One of the Agency's FY 2004-2008 Strategic Plan Objectives is to:

*“Ensure that customers and stakeholders have knowledge and awareness of risk management tools and products.”*

Recipients of awards under the Commodity Partnership and Targeted States education program will be required to assist the Agency in measuring progress to reach this objective. Specifically, recipients must report certain data that will measure the increase in farmer's and rancher's awareness of risk management tools and products.