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TO: Presidents, CSREES Cooperating Institutions
Directors, Offices of Sponsored Programs at CSREES Cooperating Institutions

SUBJECT: CSREES Formula Grants Transition to Grants.gov

In fiscal year 2008, the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) will be using some of the forms from the SF-424 Mandatory Application Forms package to collect limited information for the CSREES formula grants authorized under the Hatch Act, Smith-Lever Act, Renewable Resources Extension Act, McIntire-Stennis Act, and the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (NARETPA) sections 1433, 1444, and 1445 for the Animal Health and Disease Research Program, the 1890 Extension Program, and the 1890 Research Program respectively.

These applications will be solicited through Grants.gov via Formula Grant Opportunities (FGOs) which will provide instructions for completing and submitting a package via Grants.gov. Please note that this process does not change the following:

- 1) The delegated authorities of the State Extension Director, 1890 Extension Administrator, the State Agricultural Experiment Director, the 1890 Research Director, and the Administrative-Technical Representative;
- 2) How funds are managed at your institution;
- 3) Indirect costs and tuition remission are unallowable under NARETPA section 1473; and
- 4) The matching waiver authority of CSREES for the Insular 1862 Land-Grant Institutions and the 1890 Land-Grant Institutions.

If you have a programmatic comment or question, please contact Dr. Ralph Otto, Associate Administrator, at rotto@csrees.usda.gov; and if you have an administrative comment or question, please contact Ms. Andrea Brandon, Deputy Administrator, Office of Extramural Programs, at abrandon@csrees.usda.gov.


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