



Second Nationwide Formula Grants Teleconference

**Sponsored by the Office of Extramural
Programs,
CSREES/USDA**

**Wednesday, April 23, 2008
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm**



Welcome and Introductions

CSREES/USDA Attendees:

- **Office of Extramural Programs**
 - Andrea Brandon, Deputy Administrator, Office of Extramural Programs
 - Ellen Danus, Chief, Policy, Oversight, and Funds Management Branch
 - Barry Sims, Staff Accountant (Formula)
- **Information Systems and Technology Management**
 - Jason Hitchcock, Director, Information Policy, Planning, and Training



Welcome and Introductions

- **Send questions to:**
formulagrantsquestions@csrees.usda.gov
- **Other opportunities:**
 - **2008 CSREES Administrative Officers' Conference**
 - **Formula Update Breakout Sessions**
 - **Formula Track Breakout Sessions**
 - **Future Nationwide Teleconferences**



Partnership Memo

- Establishes the framework for updating CSREES Formula Grant Policies and Procedures
- Reconfirms the delegated authorities of the State Extension Directors/Administrators, SAES Directors, 1890 Research Directors, A-TRs



Status

- Allocation Memos
 - Pending:
 - EFNEP
 - FERS
 - CSRS
 - PSEP
- Funding Distributions (i.e., Letters of Authorizations)



Status

- **FGOs**

- **Communications**

- » **Notifications regarding delays will be posted to the CSREES website under Formula Grants (<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/business/awards/formula.html>)**

- **Programs**

- » **1890 Research (USDA-CSREES-EA1445-001487) and 1890 Extension (USDA-CSREES-LG1444-001488)**

- » **RREA (USDA-CSREES-OP-001546) and McIntire-Stennis (USDA-CSREES-MSCFR-001547)**

- » **SL 3b&c (Reg and SPN), UDC, and Pest Management (IPM and CPM)**



Grants.gov

- **SF-424M Application Package**
- **Adobe Forms vs. Pure Edge**
- **Need to contact Authorized Representative (AR)**



Formula Grant Policies and Procedures

- Administrative Guidance for Multistate Extension Activities and Integrated Research and Extension Activities
- Administrative Manual for Extension Formula Grants
- Terms and Conditions for Extension Formula Grants
- Administrative Manual for the McIntire-Stennis Program



Formula Grant Policies and Procedures

- Vet with the Partnership for 60 days
 - May 1, 2008 – June 30, 2008



Formula Grant Policies and Procedures

- **Administrative Guidance**
 - **Institutions not setting Target Percentages at 25% or based on actual FY 1997 expenditures need to reset Target Percentage on the lesser of:**
 - **25% or**
 - **Two times the actual percentage of FY 1997 expenditures**
 - **Applies to FY 2009 and thereafter**



Formula Grant Policies and Procedures

- **Administrative Guidance – Time Line**
 - **Vet Proposed Revised Administrative Guidance**
 - **May 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008**
 - **Release Revised Administrative Guidance**
 - **July 15, 2008**
 - **Reconfirm/Reset Target Percentages**
 - **Due Date: August 15, 2008**
 - **Approval of Target Percentages**
 - **September 15, 2008**



Formula Grant Policies and Procedures

- **Administrative Guidance**
 - **Legislation provides CSREES with waiver authority for these requirements**
 - **Annual basis**



Questions

- **Questions**
 - **Northeast Region**
 - **Southern Region**
 - **North Central Region**
 - **Western Region**
- **Questions my be emailed to:**
 - **formulagrantsquestions@csrees.usda.gov**



Next Nationwide Teleconference (Wednesday, April 30, 2008)

- **SF-424M Application Packages**
- **Status on Allocation Memos, FGOs, and Letters of Authorization**
- **Questions On Formula Grant Policies and Procedures for 2008 Conference**