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§ 3411.1 Applicability of regulations.

(a) The regulations of this part apply to competitive research grants awarded under the authority of section 2(b) of the Act of August 4, 1965, as amended by section 1615 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (FACT Act), (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)), for the support of research to further the programs of the Department of Agriculture and to improve research capabilities in the agricultural, food, and environmental sciences in the following categories: Single investigators or coinvestigators in the same disciplines; teams of researchers from different disciplines; multidisciplinary teams for long-term applied research problems; multidisciplinary teams whose research has the eventual goal of technology transfer; institutions for improvement of research, development, technology transfer and education capacity through the acquisition of spe-

cial research equipment and improvement of teaching and education, including fellowships; single investigators or coinvestigators who are beginning their research careers; and, faculty of small and mid-sized institutions not previously successful in obtaining competitive grants under this subsection. The National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program (NRICGP) Board of Directors was established by the Assistant Secretary for Science and Education to advise the Assistant Secretary on policy issues concerning NRICGP. The Board is comprised of the Assistant Secretary for Science and Education; the Administrators of the Cooperative State Research Service, the Agricultural Research Service, the Extension Service, and the Economic Research Service; the Deputy Chief for Research of the Forest Service; the Chief Scientist of the NRICGP; and the Director of the National Agricultural Library. Any determinations made by the Joint Council on Food and Agricultural Sciences, including recommendations made by the Agricultural Science and Technology Review Board, and the National Agricultural Research and Extension Users Advisory Board, will be taken into consideration by the Board in recommending policies and priorities for the NRICGP. The advice of other individuals is also encouraged; that advice also is provided to the Board of Directors. The Administrator of CSRS shall determine and announce, through publication of a Notice in such publications as the FEDERAL REGISTER, professional trade journals, agency or program handbooks, the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, or any other appropriate means, high-priority research areas and categories to improve research capabilities for which proposals will be solicited and the extent that funds are available therefor.

(b) The regulations of this part do not apply to grants awarded by the Department of Agriculture under any other authority.

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