

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 15, 2009
To: NCCC-134 Project Proposal Reviewers
From: Dr. Mark R. Manfredi, NCCC-134 Committee Co-Chair
Re: Attachments

The purpose of this memo is to explain the content of the project proposal attachments. This is an information sharing and communication facilitation project. The attachment entitled NCCC134papers06-09.pdf is a list of papers – what the committee considers as measures of output and accomplishments. Each of these papers is posted on the NCCC-134 website under the NCCC-134 paper archive <http://www.farmdoc.illinois.edu/nccc134/paperarchive.html>. All papers presented at NCR-134/NCCC-134 meetings, since the first meeting in 1981, are included in the archive. NCCC-134 committee member, Dr. Scott Irwin (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) has been leading the efforts in developing and maintaining this website. Indeed, the website has become an important medium for disseminating presented research emanating from the project. From March 2008 to April 2009, the archive had approximately 39,000 actual downloads of the papers. The papers are also published on the University of Minnesota Libraries web site *AgEcon Search*.

The other three attachments are reports from the 2009, 2008, and 2007 meetings. The reports list the participants and their respective institutions, the papers presented, summarize the industry speaker, and summarize the committee business meeting. For the 2009 meeting, nineteen land grant institutions were represented, two U.S. non-land grant universities, one Canadian university, ten agribusiness organizations (including ADM, Co-Bank, Doanes, Tyson Foods, and Bunge) and three government agencies (USDA-ERS, USDA-RMA, and CFTC). The main points to attaching these documents are to communicate the level of participation and to communicate that this project is output oriented through the presentation, discussion, and dissemination of research.