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Dear Arlen Leholm and Chris Hamilton,

I'm requesting you to set up a North Central Development Committee for the advancement of Brassica Carinata. There is a great deal of interest in Florida, the Plains States in the USA, as well as the Prairie Provinces in Canada. Carinata research has already been conducted for several years in the USA at a number of locations and the Carinata crop is ready for commercial advancement in Canada. This crop shows great promise as a competitive bio-energy crop and a high protein meal for animals.

The NCRA Carinata Committee will provide a mechanism to organize the advancement of Carinata. It also provides a structure to meet in person and to meet regularly by phone and electronically. This committee can organize for federal grants, provide a structure for agronomic forums with professionals, share key concepts across states and provinces, and more.

The Multistate committee will have membership from all participating states and provinces. Bill Gibbons of South Dakota and David Wright of Florida have agreed to co-chair this committee. Daniel Scholl of South Dakota has agreed to serve as the administrative advisor (AA).

Sincerely,

Jeff Jacobsen  
Dean and Director