**Projected Participation:**

The questions this research addresses are relevant for all Land Grant institutions across the country, and indeed any university engaged in applied research and outreach/extension efforts. As such, we have solicited the current list of multistate academic partners to reflect these shared objectives and goals, and each partner will contribute at individually appropriate levels of intensity to each research objective.

**Our initial multistate partners/collaborators will include:**

Gerald Benjamin, State University of New York, New Paltz (political scientist; Director, Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach; former Director of Center for NYS and Local Government Studies and the Rockefeller Institute of Government Research)

Michael Dougherty, West Virginia University, Extension Professor and Specialist

Daniel Eades, West Virginia University, Extension Specialist

Charlie French, University of New Hampshire, Extension Specialist/Associate Professor in Community and Economic Development,

Stephan Goetz, Director, Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development will be an informal advisor to the project and on occasion the other three regional centers for rural development will be involved.

Dan Kahan, Yale University, Law School, Elizabeth K. Dollard Professor of Law & Professor of Psychology, leader, Cultural Cognition Project

Tim Kelsey, Pennsylvania State University, Professor of Agricultural Economics, Co-Director, Center for Economic and Community Development

Paul Lachapelle, Montana State University, Associate Professor of Political Science, Extension Community Development Specialist, Local Government Extension Training founder

Chris Plein, West Virginia University, Professor of Public Administration and Eberly Family Professor for Outstanding Public Service

Martin Shields, Colorado State University, Director, Regional Economics Institute and Professor of Economics.

**Land Grant Participating States/Institutions:**

1. Cornell University, New York
2. West Virginia University, West Virginia
3. University of New Hampshire, New Hampshire
4. Pennsylvania State University, Pennsylvania
5. Montana State University, Montana
6. Colorado State University, Colorado

**Non Land Grant Participating States/Institutions:**

1. Yale University, Connecticut
2. State University of New York, New Paltz, New York
3. Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development, Pennsylvania