

NRSP Peer / Proposal Review

The following statement defines the mission of the National Research Support Projects (NRSP's):

"The activity of an NRSP focuses on the development of enabling technologies, support activities (such as to collect, assemble, store, and distribute materials, resources and information), or the sharing of facilities needed to accomplish high priority research, but which is not of itself primarily research."

Based on this mission statement, please rate the proposed NRSP using the following criteria:

	Circle One
Mission:	
Consistency with the mission of an NRSP	<u>Excellent</u> - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Relevance	
Addresses and supports a high priority national issue	<u>Excellent</u> - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Demonstrates clear/tangible benefits to the scientific community as a whole	<u>Excellent</u> - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Clearly identified sponsoring "stakeholders" / beneficiaries	<u>Excellent</u> - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
"Stakeholder" involvement in project development, project activities, review and/or management plans	Excellent - <u>Good</u> - Fair - Unacceptable
Technical Merit	
Overall technical merit (sound scientific approach, achievable objectives, appropriate scope of activity)	<u>Excellent</u> - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Potential for significant outputs (products) and outcomes and/or impacts	<u>Excellent</u> - Good - Fair - Unacceptable

Implementation Plan		
Benchmarks for success clearly identified		Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Management structure that adequately coordinates efforts of multiple participants		Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Well developed business plan that links multiple sources of funding and leverages limited off the top research funds		Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Funding plan that develops alternative funding sources to reduce off-the-top funding in future years		Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Efforts integrated with extension and/or academic programs		Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Outreach, communication and assessment plan that communicates the program goals, accomplishment and outcomes/impacts.		Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Comments	<p>This is a very well organized and presented proposal. It certainly meets a significant need that is not otherwise being satisfied for animal agriculture. The objectives, which are the foundation of any successful project, are clearly presented and obviously based on careful consideration. The short- and long-term goals are concise and provide details on projected outcome. The three management committees make a great deal of sense and are structured in a manner which is consistent with the objectives and goals. The business plan is easy to follow and the budget is well justified. I was particularly impressed by the communication plan. Therefore, I have no hesitation in strongly recommending approval of this project.</p>	
Recommendation	Approve – Approve with Revision – Disapprove	