



United States Department of Agriculture

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

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Director Joe Colletti
Iowa – Iowa State University
Agriculture and Home Economic Experiment Station
Curtiss Hall
Ames, 50011-1050

Dear Director Colletti:

The Executive Director on behalf of the Regional Directors Association has RECOMMENDED APPROVAL of the following MRF project NC-1198 – Renewing an Agriculture of the Middle: Value Chain Design, Policy Approaches, Environmental and Social Impacts beginning October 01, 2012 through September 30, 2017. NIFA concurs with the recommendation of the Executive Director and has APPROVED this project. A copy of the approved MRF project outline will be available to all participating stations and agencies via the National Information Management and Support System.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara A. Hewitt".

Accountability and Reporting Leader
for Meryl Broussard
Deputy Director, NIFA

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