

United States Department of Agriculture

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

September 07, 2012

Director Kirby C. Stafford Connecticut –New Haven 123 Huntington Street PO Box 1106 New Haven, CT 06504–1106

Dear Director Stafford:

The Executive Director on behalf of the Regional Directors Association has RECOMMENDED APPROVAL of the following MRF project NE-1231 – Collaborative Potato Breeding and Variety Development Activities to Enhance Farm Sustainability in the Eastern US 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

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