

United States Department of Agriculture

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

Dear Director Stafford:



Cooperative State, Research, Education, and Extension Service Planning and Accountability/Multistate Research Office, STOP 2211 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20250–2211 202.720–4088 (T) – 202.690–3858

The Executive Director on behalf of the Regional Directors Association has RECOMMENDED APPROVAL of the following MRF project NE-1031 – Collaborative Potato Breeding and Variety Development Activities to Enhance Farm Sustainability in the Eastern US beginning October 01, 2007 through September 30, 2012. CSREES 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.

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for Dr. Ralph Otto Associate Administrator, CSREES

For all other project and program concerns, please contact us at 202-720-0747 or email bhewitt@csrees.usda.gov