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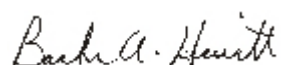
Dear Directors:

The Executive Director on behalf of the Regional Directors Association has **Approved** of the following MRF project:

NE1602: Explorations into the Turfgrass Phytobiome: Establishing Standardized Research Methodology for Studying Microbial Communities and Developing

This project's approval extends from 10/01/2016 through 09/30/2021. 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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Accountability and Reporting Leader

for Meryl Broussard

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