

***Update -
Integrated Grants
Training***

April, 2013

Workshop 1

- April 2011 – ASRED/SAAESD Meeting in Greenville, SC
- Used Strategic Opportunities and Science Roadmap – common survey instrument – regional priorities
- It was suggested that AFRI priorities be added
- R & E directors - top five priority

Workshop 1

- Directors – ID faculty/specialists you were willing to support, and who
 - Have interest and competence in the their area
 - Want to participate on an integrated team, including training in team building and proposal development
 - Are willing to travel to Washington, DC for training and to interact with

Workshop 1

- More interest than space – top 3 topic areas
 - Increase productivity, nutritional value and local availability of plant and animal food products
 - Develop new plant and animal production systems, products, and uses to increase economic return and profitability for producers

Workshop 1

- Develop technologies and processes to improve production and conversion efficiency of regionally-appropriate biomass into biofuels and other bioproducts
- 2 Day training, Dec 2011 for 63 (60) (2 people /priority area/institution plus one additional person in one of these areas) –

Workshop 1

- Post-workshop evaluation (~50% responded)
- Did your team clearly identify potential funding agencies and programmatic opportunities for your priority area?
 - a. Yes 68.8%
 - b. No 31.3%

Workshop 1

- Did you become part of a team that intends to develop a multistate integrated research and extension project?
 - Yes 71.9%
 - No 28.1%

Workshop 1

- How much progress did your team make toward developing the framework for a multistate project?
 - Considerable progress 3.1%
 - Some progress 81.3%
 - No progress 15.6%

Workshop 1

■ Submit a collaborative and integrated proposal during the next 12 months is likely?

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| ■ a. Highly likely | 12.5% |
| ■ b. Moderately likely | 25.0% |
| ■ c. Uncertain | 37.5% |
| ■ d. Moderately unlikely | 18.8% |
| ■ e. Highly unlikely | 6.3% |

Workshop 1

- Would you recommend the Workshop to your peers?
 - Yes 87.5%
 - No 12.5%
- Suggestions for improvement
 - Excellent workshop, thanks.
 - Great location and well executed
 - Great as is!

Workshop 1

- Suggestions for improvement
 - Better integrate teams prior to workshop (most frequent; also obvious)
 - Administrative strategies to organize a large team would have also been helpful
 - Group exercise on writing smart objectives would have been productive

Workshop 1

- Suggestions for improvement
 - Add an extra day to look over potential RFP's the team could apply for
 - Need more small group time to develop ideas and learn team strengths
- Tried to build these into workshop 2

Workshop 2

- At Spring 2012 meetings of ASRED and SAAESD, you approved #2
- Same purpose – different selection process
 - Readily identifiable groups of faculty working together on a focused issue(s) for more than one year
 - Faculty from multiple institutions and disciplines/specialties

Workshop 2

- Balance of research-focused and extension-focused faculty
- Objective(s) appropriate for a large integrated multi-institutional grant
- Group interested in participating
- Directors facilitated collection of Group, Goals/Objectives, Names of participants

Workshop 2

- Received 24 group nominations representing 13 institutions
- 9 Groups (N = 72; n/group)
 - Mid-South Working Group for Fresh Produce Safety (11)
 - Multi-State Research, Education, and Extension Produce Initiative (11)
 - SERA 041 - Forage Livestock Systems in the Southeastern United States (6)

Workshop 2

■ Groups

- Poultry Production Systems - reducing emissions and carbon footprint and adapting to climate change (7)
- Safety and Quality of Poultry (4)
- S1042: Modeling for TMDL Development, and Watershed Planning, Management and Assessment (5)
- Southern Region Urban/Consumer

Workshop 2

■ Groups

- Water Resources Management in the South (11)
- Climate Change Working Group (8).

■ Resource Persons - 2

- Keith Delaplane - UGA Professor and National Director, Managed Pollinator CAP
- Rick Huszagh - CEO and Co-Founder, Down to Earth Energies, Monroe, GA

Workshop 2

- 2-day workshop, Nov 27-28, 2012
- Changes
 - A Priori Teams
 - More time for team interaction
 - Administrative strategies (resource ppl)
 - More team work on writing objectives
 - Did not add a day to search for potential RFPs – but did grants.gov, foundations etc generally

Workshop 2

- Followed up with evaluation – 53% responded
- All presentation topics rated between Good to Very Good
- Workshop logistics – G to Excellent
- Team Work Sessions Helpful – 81% Agree/SA
- Resources Persons Added Value – 65% Agree/SA

Workshop 2

- Writing Exercises Helped Me Better Understand How to Write Effective Goals and Objectives – 83% Agree/SA
- Workshop Was Beneficial to Me and I Would Recommend it to Others – 91% Agree/SA
- Discussion Sessions Helped Me Better Understand Principles Being Conveyed – 78% Agree/SA

Workshop 2

- How Likely Is It That the Team You Were in During the Workshop Will Develop A Proposal – 29% Somewhat Likely; 60% Very Likely
- Comments
 - Thanks! It was great for pulling together a new multi-state team. We will move forward with one or more submissions, thanks to this meeting.

Workshop 2

- I really appreciated this opportunity and we are in the process already of submitting one letter of intent and plan to submit a second.
- Varied – depends greatly on nature of team history and fit and experience
- Offered to facilitate meetings, team building, conference calls, etc

Workshop 2

- Arranged meeting with NIFA reps - Dr. Tom Bewick, National Program Leader, Division of Plant Systems
- Helped to ID team members - SR Risk Management Education Center, Ron Rainey – Local Food Systems Research and Extension

What Now?

- Instead of 3rd workshop in 2013,
 - Check progress and impact of workshops - - teams solidified, letters of intent, proposals written, grants funded/ID problems, obstacles, issues
 - DC agency meetings (Travel?)