

Summary of revisions to NRSP-8 proposal

Based on the written and verbal comments of the reviewers, the NRSP-8 project renewal proposal has been revised accordingly. Below are the major reviewer comments and respective amendments to the NRSP-8 project renewal:

1. *Describe the role of NRSP-8 (and its funds) in the scientific accomplishment.*
 - Impact of NRSP-8 has been updated to include accounts of presentations and attendance at both scientific and stakeholder meetings by coordinators and members alike.
 - Funding support of NRSP-8 research projects and coordinator funds have both been detailed, including how those funds have been used to accomplish the goals of NRSP-8.
 - The Accomplishments report has been revised to reflect the contribution of coordinator funds.
 - An appendix has been included that summarizes the use of coordinator funds.
2. *Provide details on use of coordinator funds to justify the discretionary plan proposed.*
 - The Management, Budget, and Business Plan section has been revised to provide details of how funds requested will be used by the coordinators.
 - Projected uses include primarily the following: tool and resource development; seed resources for members; and dissemination of information, resources, and tools.
3. *In terms of management, describe how the project will adapt as it moves forward, including how alternative funding will be solicited, how future coordinators will be selected and trained, and how individual coordinators will direct activities and efforts.*
 - The Management, Budget, and Business Plan section has been revised to provide additional details.
 - The ability of the NRSP-8 program to leverage acquisition of additional research funding has been demonstrated by showing increased funding in grant, contract, and industry support for NRSP-8-supported research projects.
 - Industry support and partnerships have been addressed.
 - Shared efforts between cooperators have been included, as well as leveraging of coordinator funds to provide seed resources for member use to generate Federal grant and industry funding.
 - Transition to new coordinators has been detailed, including “phase-outs” for outgoing coordinators and training of new coordinators.
4. *Describe how general communication from the project will be improved, including how stakeholders and non-members will be reached. Also describe how accomplishments will be communicated, and how those accomplishments serve the community. Finally, describe how materials and findings are made available to educators and students.*
 - The Integration and Documentation of Research Support section and the Outreach and Communications section have been revised to address these concerns.
 - Improved communication efforts to reach members, stakeholders, and non-members (including students and educators) have been included in the revised proposal.
 - Inclusion of students (undergraduate and graduate) and trainees (e.g., postdoctoral scientists) in NRSP-8 research and collaborative activities has been detailed.
 - Plans for engagement of stakeholders and target audiences have been included in the revision.