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NIFA Report to the SAAESD

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1. General Information

- Applying for NIFA Grants
- Upcoming NIFA Solicitations
- New Allowable Indirect Rate
- REEPort System
- AFRI Listening Session



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Competitive Grant Opportunities

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AFRI

AFRI Competitive Grant Opportunities

- Grant Programs
- Navigating the NIFA Grants Website

Increasing Chances for Success

- Some Helpful Tips



2012 AFRI Challenge Area Programs:

Food Security

Climate Change

Sustainable Bioenergy

Childhood Obesity Prevention

Food Safety



Foundational Program

- One RFA issued
 - 6 program areas
 - Detailed priority areas – based on NIFA’s societal challenge areas
 - Builds foundation of knowledge in fundamental and applied food and agricultural sciences



Foundational Program Cont'd

Project types

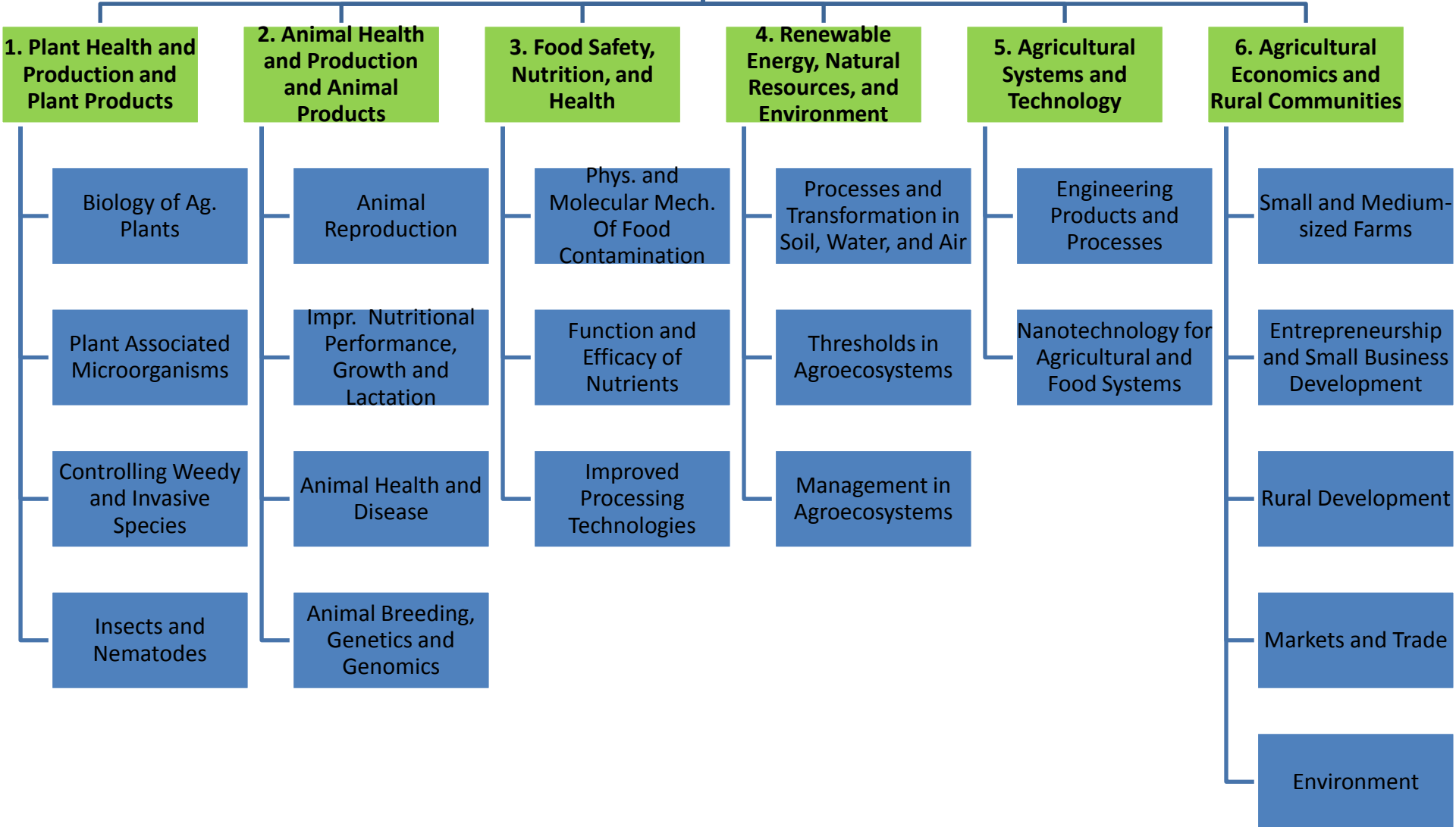
- single function research, education, and/or extension projects
- multi-functional integrated projects
- Food and Agricultural Science Enhancement grants



FY 2012 Foundational Program RFA -6 Program Areas

1. Plant Health & Production & Plant Products
2. Animal Health & Production & Animal Products
3. Food Safety, Nutrition, and Health
4. Renewable Energy, Natural Resources, and Environment
5. Agriculture Systems and Technology
6. Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities

Foundational Program



Increasing Chances for Success:

Grantsmanship

Some Helpful Tips

Keys for Success

Become a “student” of the RFA

Understand the criteria used to evaluate proposals

Understand the review process

Understand the NIFA mission and what we are trying to achieve for the nation

Explore the full range of programs and award types

Communicate with NIFA National Program Leaders

Participate with NIFA programs (panelist, workshops)

Webinars

More Stakeholder Input Opportunities

- Webinars for each of the 6 Foundational Program Areas
 - *Per Program Priority Areas*
- Scheduled for March and April 2012
- More information/specific dates, at www.nifa.usda.gov



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II. NIFA REORGANIZATION

NIFA Organization/Priorities



Office of the Director Director

Deputy Director for
Agriculture and Natural
Resources

Deputy Director for
Food and Community
Resources

Equal
Opportunity
Staff

Planning,
Accountability,
and Reporting
Staff

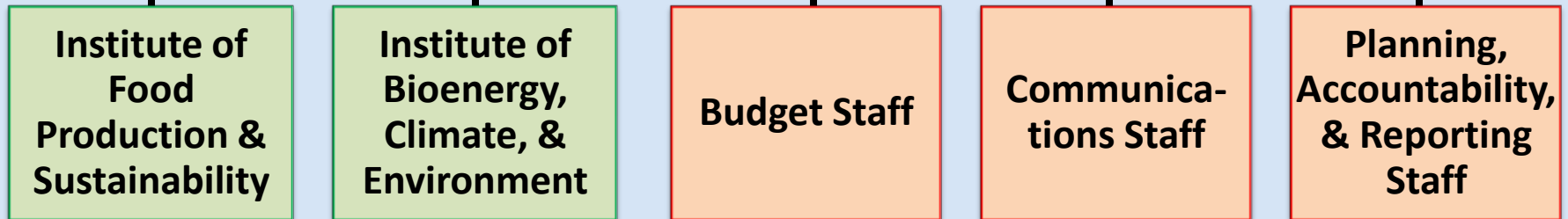
Communications
Staff

Budget Staff

Center for
International
Programs



Deputy Director for Agriculture and Natural Resources





**Deputy Director
for Food and Community
Resources**

**Institute of
Food Safety &
Nutrition**

**Institute of
Youth, Family
& Community**

**Office of
Grants &
Financial
Management**

**Office of
Information
Technology**

**Equal
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III. BUDGET MATTERS

FY2013 USDA Budget
\$36.78 million or 3.05%
\$325 million for AFRI



IV. STAFFING NEWS

Dr. Sonny Ramaswammy – approximately May 1

Early out incentive – 20 NIFA employees retired

Dr. Daniel Cassidy is on a one year detail

Ms. Effie Baldwin AFRI Program Specialist