Invitation to Complete

“Expressions of Host Country Institutional Needs and Interests”

Agricultural research institutions in Sub-Saharan African, Latin American and Caribbean countries are invited to complete and submit an "Expression of Host Country Institutional Needs and Interests" form (posted on the RFP page of the Pulse CRSP web page) if interested in participating in the new Dry Grain Pulses Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP). This program funded by USAID-Washington will support collaborative research, institutional capacity building and outreach projects on beans (Phaseolus vulgaris) and cowpeas (Vigna unguiculata). The new five-year “Pulse” CRSP, which replaces the Bean/Cowpea CRSP, began on September 30, 2007 with Michigan State University serving as the Management Entity.

The purpose of this request for "Expression of Host Country Institutional Needs and Interests" is to assist U.S. universities and Host Country agriculture research institutions (e.g., NARS, agriculture universities) with common interests in bean and cowpea research, training and/or outreach to match up for the preparation of proposals to collaborate on projects in the Pulse CRSP. To this end, the completed "Expression of Interest" documents submitted by Host Country institutions will be posted on the web page for the Dry Grain Pulses CRSP (www.pulsecrsp.msu.edu) for public viewing along with Expressions of Interest from U.S. universities.

If your institution has interest in collaborating with a particular U.S. university on a Pulse CRSP project, it is appropriate for you to be proactive and to initiate contact with U.S. scientists at that university to explore their interests in working with your institution to prepare a proposal for submission. Please be advised, however, that the U.S. university will need to be the "Lead" institution on the project and thus submit the proposal to Michigan State University for consideration for CRSP funding.

I hope that you will seriously consider this opportunity. Please send the completed "Expression of Host Country Institutional Needs and Interests" form as an attachment to an email to <dgpcrsp@msu.edu> by October 19, 2007 if possible.

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