

**FDP**  
**Expanding the Expanded Authorities Task Force**  
**Minutes**  
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Gunta Lidars reminded the task force of its overall objectives and progress to date. While the summer 2003 survey did reveal that the vast majority of administrative requests were approved by the federal granting agencies, the task force has not been able to identify many willing federal participants to participate in pilot projects at this time.

The one exception has been USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES). As noted in the May 20, 2004 minutes: "Carol Langguth from the USDA Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service had queried the USDA database, and reported that of 490 no-cost extension requests, only nine (9) had been denied. It is suspected that some of the 9 may have been due to statutory limitations on awards. Given this information, Carol and Louise Ebaugh are willing to do a demonstration of extending the EA's to second no-cost extension requests."

A draft FDP IV Demonstration Project description has been prepared, but it requires more input at USDA prior to FDP Executive Committee review. Carol noted that more internal discussion needs to take place around the 3-year statutory limit on CSREES awards. In addition, CSREES would like to limit the pilot to a select group of grantees at this time. During the task force meeting, approximately 18 schools volunteered to be part of the pilot. Gunta and Carol will be in contact with these schools once the Demonstration Project is approved by CSREES and the FDP Executive Committee.

At this time, Gunta indicated that the Task Force would not reconvene. The task force is hopeful that some of the standardization of the EA's or perhaps even expansion of the EA's will be an outcome of either the Research Business Models Subcommittee or the P.L. 106-107 Pre-Award Working Group.