



National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)/USDA

Agency Update

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Agenda

- New Personnel
- ASAP
- Transition to REEport
- NIFA Terms and Conditions
- Requests for Applications



New Personnel

- Policy and Oversight Division
 - Mr. Bill Bethel, Director
- Oversight Branch
 - Ms. Hannan Hardy
 - Mr. Jack Goldberg



ASAP

- USDA-NIFA will be suspending all open ASAP accounts Sept 27, 2011 thru Oct 2, 2011.
- Draw the necessary funding for that period on or before Sept 27, 2011.
- Payments will be available for drawdown Oct 3,'11.
- For questions relating to NIFA awards, send an email NIFA to ASAPcustomerservice@nifa.usda.gov.



REEport

- CRIS: USDA's documentation and reporting system for publicly-supported projects
- REEport: a new reporting system which format is based on the RPPR

Transition to REEport

- Roll out – target date of April 2012
 - May be impacted by budget
- Alpha testing of software
- Select states will be chosen for testing

REEReport Information

- http://www.nifa.usda.gov/business/reereport_index.html
- Web Conferences
 - Previous at http://www.csrees.usda.gov/about/strat_plan_web.html
 - Future ones planned for December 8, 2012 and February 9, 2013

Terms and Conditions

- Updated July 2011
- Changes to address responses to audit recommendations regarding the reporting and monitoring of research incidents involving rDNA.
- Update to the e-mail address for the Planning, Accountability, and Reporting Staff contact.



Requests for Applications

- Agriculture and Food Research Initiative
 - Climate
 - Sustainable Bioenergy
 - Fellows
 - Agricultural & Natural Resources Science for Climate Variability & Change
- Biomass Research and Development Initiative



QUESTIONS?