



Message from the Chair

Dear Colleagues:

On Monday evening, November 12, 2013, I will pass the leadership gavel to the new ARD Chair for 2012-2014. It has been both an honor and a pleasure to have served in the capacity of ARD chair from 2010—2012 and much was accomplished. These accomplishments resulted because of all of you—always forthcoming with new ideas and initiatives; always cooperative and in harmony in your desire to enhance and advance not only your campuses, but all eighteen of our beloved institutions; and always willing to give of yourselves, not only collegially but in the spirit of friendship and family. Thank you for the support you provided to me as we continue to stand as strong and contributing members of the land grant community. Thank you as we strive to work more in partnership, especially to establish our first consortium and in putting plans in place to continuously facilitate other 1890 program consortia. Thank you for all you have done and will do to make the 2013 Biennial Research Symposium another big success. And most of all, thank you for being you—friends who have and will always contribute to the richness of my professional life.

Sincerely,

Dyremple Marsh



IMPORTANT FARM BILL GUIDANCE: *The implications of the expiration of the 2008 Farm Bill*

Many programs and policies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) were authorized under the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (“2008 Farm Bill”) through September 30, 2012. Beginning October 1, 2012 the authority or funding provided under the 2008 Farm Bill for USDA to operate a number of these programs expired, including the following NIFA programs: Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative, the Specialty Crop Research Initiative, the Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development Program, the Biomass Research and Development Initiative, and the Biodiesel Fuel Education Program. Until now, Congress has still not passed a 2012 Food, Farm and Jobs Act or other legislation extending the authority for USDA to carry out this program, and USDA cannot make new commitments to these programs. Because the authority for these programs has expired, NIFA cannot move forward on the release of new RFAs for these programs. NIFA can continue to manage existing grant awards that were made in FY 2012 and previous years. Note that two of the mandatory-funded programs, Community Food Projects and Risk Management Education, receive funding that is subject to the OMB operating guidance and legislative provisions of the FY 2013 Continuing Resolution. Therefore, these programs are not impacted by the expiration of the Farm Bill.

Deadline Reminders for the 2013 Symposium

Early Registration: \$475.00 Until 11/9/2012

Regular Registration: \$500.00 Until 2/22/2013

Late Registration: \$550.00 Begins 2/23/2013

Submit Abstracts -Deadline: November 16, 2012

Exhibit Registration -Deadline: February 15, 2013

Nominations for ARD Awards - Deadline is January 20, 2013

ARD UPDATES

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Foundational Program Opening Date: October 15, 2012

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational Program

The AFRI Foundational Program is offered to support research grants in the six AFRI priority areas to continue building a foundation of knowledge critical for solving current and future societal challenges. The six priority areas are: Plant Health and Production and Plant Products; Animal Health and Production and Animal Products; Food Safety, Nutrition, and Health; Renewable Energy, Natural Resources, and Environment; Agriculture Systems and Technology; and Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities. Single-function Research Projects, multi-function Integrated Projects and Food and Agricultural Science Enhancement (FASE) Grants are expected to address one of the Program Area Priorities (see Foundational Program RFA for details).

Letter of Intent Deadline: November 8, 2011 (see RFA)
Application Deadline: January 19, 2012
Estimated Total Program Funding \$136,000,000.00
Range of Awards \$0.00 to \$500,000.00 See RFA for details
Funding Opportunity Number **USDA-NIFA-AFRI-003958**



1890s Receiving McIntire-Stennis Funding Are All Members of the National Association of University Forest Resources Programs (NAUFRP)

The NAUFRP Executive Committee and subsequently the NAUFRP general assembly voted unanimously to accept a change in its Bylaws to include the 1890 Universities as members and that they shall be represented on the Executive Committee by the ARD Executive Director as one of the voting members. Thus all of the thirteen 1890 McIntire-Stennis campuses shall receive equal benefits, voting privileges and the opportunity to be appointed to committees and serve as officers of NAUFRP. The combined dues for the 1890 institution members of NAUFRP will be paid by the ARD.



Partnering opportunities among and between the 1890 and 1862 land grant institutions in forestry research, outreach and education, with a focus on increasing workforce diversity, especially through graduate education will be a part of the program agenda of the program below being hosted by

Alabama A&M University

Southern Leadership Tour
JANUARY 8-10, 2013
Huntsville, Alabama



Finding Opportunity in Challenging Economic Times

Setting new priorities, reaching new stakeholders,

and developing future leaders. Including a field tour of restoration research in the Bankhead National Forest.

Please Register by **November 15th**. For registration and meeting details visit www.srs.fs.usda.gov/slt/