

**SIPMC Steering Committee Teleconference
October 29, 2012**

SIPMC Proposal

No one had any questions

Status Report

Subcontracts: they are in the works; Auburn is completed.

Structure: Management team will make day-to-day decisions. Steering Committee will contribute to bigger decisions. One position still needs to be filled. We need to choose members for the Advisory Council.

Grants

Priority survey is targeted to go out. We put a pre-survey awareness message a week ago. Target date to send out the survey is November 1.

- How will money percentages be weighed? 50-50.
- If we don't get enough responses, we'll have to go to Plan B.
- There will be 3 different types of questions: demographics, the most important extension project, details on the situation.

Critical and Emerging Issues RFA is up, but we will be rethinking it.

RIPM grants will be out late again this year. RFA will probably be out in January.

Project reports: Doris has been working on getting project reports. We are less than halfway at getting all of the project reports in since 2004. There are 48 of 70 reports in the system.

Regulatory Information Network

Mike Weaver has taken leadership of the Network. Had to cancel October's call but will have one in November and December. They are trying to include people from OPMP and EPA. By involving the EPA staff, the network gets a heads up about issues coming up. They can also ask questions about other issues.

We need to have an update on the Crop Profile updates.

The network has found out a little more about EPA's processes as well.

Impact Evaluation

The North Central and Western Regions are also working on evaluation.

Small Farms Working Group

The first budget was a travel budget for the meeting. The group is enthusiastic to continue.

FITT

There is a lot of technological support already being done, but Joe is trying to fill in some of the gaps.

Friends of Southern IPM Awards

Two calls: one for the regular award and one for graduate students. Monetary award will be higher for the grad students. We are asking for one Masters and one Ph.D. from each department.

Advisory Council

We are hoping to change the makeup of the Advisory Council. We would like to target grower groups in particular in specific legislators' states. Possibilities: Farm Bureau, NAICC.

Action Item: We will send out an e-mail to the Steering Committee asking for input about who should be on the Advisory Council.

Working Groups

Two groups don't exist yet: PIPEfitters and eXtension working groups.

Proposal for Critical and Emerging Issues

Jim recommends against funding the proposal. It looks like a research proposal. In addition, it doesn't look like they will get the work done given the funding. Jim recommends denying funding and asking her to keep an eye out for the IPM Enhancement grant RFA.

Joe: there are some inaccuracies about it.

Action Item: In terms of the RFA, we will take the current RFA and put out suggestions for approval. In the past, the RFA has been informal, but we need to ask for more paperwork in the future.

Future calls: We will put out a Doodle poll for the next call.