

PI: Kells, James

PI's E-mail: kells@msu.edu

Project ID: FY07-VA-036

FY06 ARS Agreement #: 59-0790-4-128

Research Area: EC/HQ

Duration of Award: 1 Year

Project Title: Hosting the Manager of the USWBSI's Networking and Facilitation Office.

PROJECT 1 ABSTRACT

(1 Page Limit)

This project is a key component of the Networking & Facilitation Office which operates under the direction of Dave Van Sanford, Director of the NFO. Financial support for carrying out the activities of the NFO will be primarily funded by the NFO project under David Van Sanford at the University of Kentucky. The primary activity of this project is to employ and house the Manager of the NFO, Susan Canty, as well as provide additional resources for the Manager to carry out the activities of the NFO.

The Networking and Facilitation Office (NFO) is the administrative and communications headquarters for the USWBSI, and it operates under the direction of the Director of the NFO, under the auspices of the Executive Committee of the USWBSI, and is governed by the Policies and Procedures of the USWBSI. The NFO is responsible for: 1) facilitating communication within the USWBSI, and between the USWBSI and USDA-ARS, and stakeholders and others via the website, newsletters and other media; 2) conference management including the annual Scab Forum; 3) pre-proposal process: developing application kits, requesting pre-proposals, facilitating their review, notifying applicants of funding recommendations and communicating funding recommendations to USDA-ARS; and 4) maintaining records and accountability.