Bridging the Gap between 1890 and 1862 Land-Grant Institutions Agricultural Economics Programs

A Workshop for Leaders in Agricultural Economics

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Theme: Bridging the gap between Agricultural Economics programs at 1890 and 1862 Land-Grant Institutions and collaboration with USDA

Purpose: To build alliances and collaborative linkages to more effectively bridge the institutional, funding, and operational gap between the 1890 and 1862 land-grants, and other institutions in agricultural economics research, teaching, and extension
AGENDA
Monday, June 13, 2005

8:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast and Registration

8:30 a.m.  Welcome, Introduction and Charge
Susan Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service

8:45 a.m.  Keynote Address: Widening the Base of the Triangle: What Land-Grant Institutions Must Continue to Do
Ralph Christy, J. Thomas Clark Professor of Entrepreneurship & Personal Enterprise, Cornell University
Discussion, Q&A

9:45 a.m.  Morning Break

10:00 a.m.  General Session: Opportunities for Collaboration
Handy Williamson, Vice Provost, International Programs and Faculty Development, University of Missouri: What the Future Holds
Debby Sheely, Integrated Programs Director, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service: Collaboration on Grants
Jon Brandt, Department Head, Agricultural and Resource Economics, North Carolina State University, Collaboration on Teaching
Richard Wootton, Director of Extension and Outreach, National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges: Collaboration on Extension
George Othere, Vice President, Scientific Application International Corporation: Opportunities for Industry Collaboration (Invited)

11:45 a.m.  Lunch (catered)

1:00 p.m.  General Session: Success Stories in Collaboration
Abebayehu Tegene, Senior Economist, Economic Research Service: Research
C.S. Prakash, Director, Tuskegee University Center of Plant Biotechnology Research: Research
Clint Turner, Virginia State University, Interim Dean and Extension Administrator: Extension (invited)
Verian Thomas, Associate Dean for Academic Programs, College of Engineering Sciences, Technology & Agriculture, Florida A&M University: Student Recruitment
Alfred L. Parks, Director, Cooperative Agricultural Research, College of Agriculture, Prairie View A&M University: Teaching

2:15 p.m.  Afternoon Break

2:30 p.m.  Facilitated Breakout Sessions
Opportunities for Action in Teaching
Facilitators: Jay Akridge, Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University
Dovi Alipoe, Professor of Economics/Agribusiness, Alcorn State University

**Opportunities for Action in Extension**
Facilitators: Ray McKinnie, Associate Dean for Extension, North Carolina A&T University
Deacue Fields III, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology, Auburn University

**Opportunities for Action in Research**
Facilitators: Dave Weatherspoon, Associate Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University
Fisseha Tegegne, Associate Professor, Tennessee State University

**Tuesday, June 14, 2005**

**4:00 p.m.**  **Reconvene: Feedback from Breakout Sessions**

**7.00 p.m.**  **Reception at Sizzling Express Restaurant**
1150 Connecticut Ave, NW (across the street from ERS)

8:00 A.M.  **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 A.M.  **General Session: Capacity Building at 1890's – Recent Progress and Future Opportunities**
Richard Hood, National Program Leader, Cooperative State Research, Education & Extension Service: **CSREES Perspective**
Betsy Kuhn, Director, Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service: **ERS Perspective**
Mary Marchant, Director of Undergraduate Studies for Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky: **University Perspectives**

9:45 A.M.  **Morning Break**

10:00 A.M.  **Panel: Bridging the Gap between 1890’s, 1862’s, and USDA**
Kenrett Jefferson-Moore, Assistant Professor of Agribusiness
North Carolina A&T State University Department of Agribusiness, Applied Economics, and Agriscience Education
Andrew Muhammad, Assistant Professor, Division of Agricultural Sciences, Southern University
Daniel Whitley, Deputy Manager, Black Emphasis Program, Foreign Agricultural Service
Dave Weatherspoon, Associate Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University

11:45 A.M.  **Lunch (catered)**

1:00 P.M.  **Facilitated Breakout Sessions**
**Teaching** Akridge & Alipoe
**Extension** McKinnie & Fields
2:30 P.M. **Reconvene: Presentation of Recommendations and Future Plans**  
Breakout Facilitators

**Response and Comments**  
Joseph Jen, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics, USDA

3:15 P.M. **Afternoon Break**

3:30 P.M. **Closure: Next Steps**  
AAEA-COSBAE  
Christopher Davis, Economic Research Service, Chair, Committee on Opportunities and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics

**USDA**  
Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

**Evaluation**