

FY2010 Traceability Cooperative¹Agreements



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New Animal Disease Traceability Framework On the Horizon

December 29, 2009: VS Notice 10-4 announces:

- FY 2009 NAIS agreements would expire March 31, 2010; extensions of agreements would not be possible.
- VS plan for issuing FY 2010 cooperative agreements for animal disease traceability.
- FY2010 agreements will be “new” agreements versus continuation of previous agreement.

New Animal Disease Traceability Framework On the Horizon (continued)

- Level of funding approximately 75% of the FY 2009 cooperative agreement funding.
- Transition to new approach after Secretary's announcement on future direction of traceability.
- Agreement application and work plan template for FY 2010 agreements will be broad.



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New Traceability Framework Announced

February 5, 2010: USDA announced it will revise the prior animal identification policy and offer a new approach to achieving animal disease traceability.



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New Traceability Framework Announced (continued)

USDA efforts will:

- Only apply to animals moving interstate
- Be administered by the States and Tribal Nations to provide more flexibility
- Encourage the use of lower cost technology
- Be implemented transparently through Federal regulations and the full rulemaking process



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Application and Guidance Distributed

- February 5, 2010: Regional Directors sent funding announcement and application procedures to State Veterinarians and AVICs. AVICs forwarded information to Tribes.
- Application deadline initially established – March 1, 2010.
- Draft work plans submitted to the AVIC.
- Planned performance period April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011.



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Revised Due Dates for Application

- Dr. Clifford extended deadline for application until after the traceability forum.
- Applications due to Region (through AVIC) **no later than April 1, 2010.**
- Early submissions are encouraged.
- Preward requests are encouraged.
- Performance period end date, regardless of start date, will be March 31, 2011.



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Award Details

- Approximately 85 cooperative agreements will be awarded.
- Amount Available – Approximately 75% of the FY 2009 award.
- 20% cost sharing is required for all applications.



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Amount Available for Award

Region	Eastern	Western
States	\$2,202,486	\$3,376,000
Tribes	\$58,800	\$318,500
Potential Tribal Participants	6	31
Confirmed Tribal Participants	3	27



FY 2010 Funding Priorities

1. Maintenance of established animal disease traceability infrastructure within States, Tribes, and Territories
2. Outreach to producers, accredited veterinarians, livestock markets, and harvest facilities
3. Advancement of animal disease tracing capability by increasing the amount and search ability of traceability data collected via VS State-Federal cooperative disease program activity, interstate certificates of veterinary inspection, and other similar approaches



Project Objectives

Each project work plan **must** include the following eight objectives that are outlined in the next few slides and that were distributed in February.



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Project Objective I: Document Current Traceability Capability

- a. Identify specific parameters currently used to measure traceability. Suggestions include:
 - Time to trace a reference animal to the previous location of commingling
 - Time to trace a reference animal to the birth location
 - Time to trace all exposed animals “1-step forward and 1-step back”
 - Time to determine all risk animals and locations from an index herd/flock
- b. Provide performance measures as to how well current traceability system is functioning – what are the performance values presently?

Project Objectives (continued)

- II. Measure the advancements in traceability capability in terms of the performance measures listed in objective I that will occur.
- III. Provide human resource infrastructures for advancing traceability within your jurisdiction.
- IV. Update all electronic systems and Web services to reflect USDA's current approach for advancing traceability.



Project Objectives (continued)

- V. Develop, refine, and implement an outreach plan for accredited veterinarians and livestock markets describing your plan for advancing traceability.
- VI. Facilitate a traceability working group: Create or further develop a written traceability plan with input from your local traceability industry advisory group.



Project Objectives (continued)

- VII. Enhance electronic accessibility by State and Federal animal health officials for standardized traceability data associated with bovine brucellosis vaccination and testing, bovine TB testing, and interstate certificates of inspection (or other VS animal health program disease forms of your choosing).
- a. Document number of forms received; number of forms created within the State, Tribe, or Territory; and the number of forms received from outside the jurisdiction.
 - b. Document the number of animals associated with the above forms.
 - c. Support standardized traceability data entry of these forms into electronically searchable databases. Include a description of accessibility by State and Federal animal health officials.

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Project Objectives (continued)

- VIII. Document and describe legal limitations or constraints, if any, regarding the sharing of standardized traceability data among States, Tribes, or Territories; or the ability to advance traceability using available Federal standards.



USDA Will **Not** Provide Funding For

- Pilot projects
- Purchasing, developing or licensing of software, system applications, or computer programs
- Hardware for State, Tribal, or privately based compliant systems including servers and data storage
- Cleansing of the data
- Interfacing of internal systems



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USDA Will **Not** Provide Funding For (continued)

- Research to develop or test potential solutions for animal identification and animal movement data collection
- Outreach materials created without approval in writing from APHIS staff
- Automated data capture hardware for personnel that are not full-time employees under the direct supervision of the State, Tribe, or Territorial animal health official



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USDA Will Provide Funding For

- Personnel costs for administering the advancement of traceability, including data entry to make available traceability data electronically searchable
- IT operational cost of traceability information systems, including hardware
- Outreach and educational materials and support
- Travel and transportation costs to advance traceability, including national training and coordination meeting attendance as specified by Regional Director



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USDA Will Provide Funding For

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- Equipment for managing location data and official animal ID distribution associated with AIN MS; e.g., computers, wireless air cards, high-speed Internet connection, GPS devices, off-the-shelf mapping software such as Street Atlas
- Automated data capture hardware used specifically for the administration of animal disease programs for personnel that are full time and under the direct supervision of the State, Tribal, or Territorial animal health official
- USDA official “840” tags only when unavailable from VS central supply — limited to 10% of total award amount

Funding Provided

	No	Yes
Personnel	Computer software developers & programmers	Data entry clerks & program delivery personnel
Equipment	Servers & data storage devices	PCs for data entry & ID capture hardware
Other	Field trials or research	Activities for advancing traceability

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Questions?

