

## **ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND RULES OF CONDUCT FOR AQUAFISH CRSP PARTICIPANTS**

The goal of the AquaFish CRSP is to conduct research that contributes significantly to the removal of major constraints to sustainable aquaculture development and responsible small-scale fisheries management, thereby promoting economic growth, enhancing food security, and conserving natural resources in developing countries. CRSPs are funded by USAID under authority of the International Development and Food Assistance Act of 1975 (PL 94-161), and by participating institutions.

The AquaFish CRSP is a new CRSP initially awarded under USAID/EGAT's Office of Natural Resources Management. Oregon State University was awarded the Leader with Associates Cooperative Agreement (No. EPP-A-00-06-00012-00) for the "Aquaculture & Fisheries CRSP", which will run until 2011. In 2010, the program will be evaluated for a possible 5-year extension. Two major work plans (each with defined annual implementation plans) will describe the specific research to be carried out under the CRSP's framework of general research priorities. This RFP is a call for the First Work Plan. A second directed RFP is planned for late Spring 2007, about 4 months prior to the end of work commissioned by this first RFP. The second RFP will focus on gaps and emergent areas of research. It will run for two years, from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011. For the second directed RFP, CRSP researchers with incomplete First Work Plan investigations will not be eligible to receive funding until all previous obligations are satisfactorily met.

The CRSP will be managed in a manner that achieves maximum program impacts, particularly for small-scale farmers and fishers, in Host Countries and more broadly. CRSP overall program objectives address the need for world-class research, capacity building, and information dissemination. Specifically, the AquaFish CRSP will strive to:

- Develop sustainable end-user level aquaculture and fisheries systems to increase productivity, enhance international trade opportunities, and contribute to responsible aquatic resource management;
- Enhance local capacity in aquaculture and aquatic resource management to ensure long-term program impacts at the community and national level;
- Foster wide dissemination of research results and technologies to local stakeholders at all levels, including end users, researchers, and government officials; and
- Increase Host Country capacity and productivity to contribute to national food security, income generation, and market access.

**Fostering Respectful Partnerships:** Proposals that foster linkages with organizations including US minority-serving institutions, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), national agricultural research institutions, other CRSPs, international centers, private businesses, and others are desired. Proposals that link Host Country researchers from one CRSP site to another CRSP site are encouraged. US and Host Country PIs will share in budgetary decisions and overall priority setting for the project, as well as in other collaborative activities related to the CRSP. Proposals, work plans, and project budgets must be developed collaboratively between HC and US researchers. US PIs must actively establish an effective working relationship with the ME and other CRSP US and Host Country PIs and program participants. At least 50% of funds must be expended in or on behalf of the Host Country or region.

**Expected Advisory Group Participation:** US and HC PIs will be responsible for interactions with CRSP internal technical advisory groups. Each project lead US and HC PI has been assigned to one

*Regional Center of Excellence* and one *Development Theme Advisory Panel*. These advisory groups will perform critical analysis and synthesis work for meeting USAID's goals, producing lessons learned materials, attracting and managing associate awards, identifying gaps in the research portfolio, among other responsibilities (see Cooperative Agreement).

### **Additional Guidelines for Involvement:**

Collaborative efforts that involve undergraduate students, graduate students, and post-doctoral fellows are encouraged. CRSP funds will not be used to support US expatriate personnel or consultants, as the CRSP model is intended to build institutional networks and capacities.

Projects must demonstrate return benefits to the US in furtherance of the program's responsibility to provide mutual benefits and discoveries that can apply to the HC region and US and that will support future development of sustainable aquaculture.

Each Subcontracting US institution must ensure 35% US non-federal cost sharing as required in the USAID Cooperative Agreement. Projects should overall target a 50% matching contribution, with at least 35% of the match provided as non-federal cost share from the participating US entities and 15% or more from HC institutions.

Salary support for US PIs is limited. US PIs charging any portion of salary to the CRSP award must also be serving in the capacity of major advisor to a graduate student working under an approved CRSP investigation. In that case alone, a PI may charge up to two months of annual salary to the award, to be approved in advance by the UNIVERSITY's Principal Investigator, Dr. Hillary Egna (also called CRSP Director).

Successful projects will embrace the following USAID *environmental restrictions*:

- Biotechnical investigations will be conducted primarily on research stations in Host Countries;
- Research protocols, policies and practices will be established prior to implementation to ensure that potential environmental impacts are strictly controlled;
- All training programs and outreach materials intended to promote the adoption of CRSP-generated research findings will incorporate the appropriate environmental recommendations;
- All sub-awards must comply with environmental standards;
- CRSP Projects will not procure, use or recommend the use pesticides of any kind. This includes but is not limited to algicides, herbicides, fungicides, piscicides, parasiticides, and protozoacides.
- CRSP Projects will not use or procure genetically modified organisms (GMO); and
- CRSP Projects will not use or recommend for use any species that are non-endemic to a country or not already well established in its local waters, or that is non-endemic and well established but is the subject of an invasive species control effort.

Funding is typically allocated on an annual basis. All allocations are contingent on the annual funding level obtained from USAID and on performance under Subcontract provisions.