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## National Canola Research Program

### *FY 2007 Request for Proposals September 8, 2006*

The U.S. Canola Association (USCA) is issuing a Request for Proposals for the National Canola Research Program (NCRP), which is funded through a Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) special grant. The final decision on which proposals to approve and fund will coincide with the completion of the FY2007 Agriculture Appropriation bill.

The USCA is seeking proposals for multi-regional, inter-disciplinary, high priority research projects. The purpose of these funds is to provide timely solutions for high priority industry problems by augmenting existing research and/or redirecting research investments by individual states or companies. Priority will be given to projects that emphasize collaborative, multi-disciplinary research on canola. Proposals can also include technology transfer as a component. Those proposals that meet the above criteria and also have potential to lead to increased acreage will have highest priority.

The USCA requires an annual report and summary data of the research project(s) funded by the grants received through the NCRP. These reports will be uploaded to the NCRP website, <http://www.uscanola.com/>, for public review and access.

Scientists involved or interested in canola research are invited to prepare and submit proposals that address the high priority areas listed below. One hard-copy of the proposal(s) should be submitted to the U.S. Canola Association, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, Suite 320, Washington DC, 2003, by the close of business on **Wednesday, November 8, 2006**. An electronic file of the proposal(s) should also be e-mailed to [dthorenson@gordley.com](mailto:dthorenson@gordley.com) by the same deadline. Questions may also be directed to Dale Thorenson by telephone at 202-969-8113, by fax at 202-969-7036, or by electronic mail at [dthorenson@gordley.com](mailto:dthorenson@gordley.com).

Canola research proposals will be accepted in the following high priority areas (in alphabetical order):

- A. Bio-diesel / Bio-products
- B. Blackleg
- C. Health & Nutrition
- D. Winter Canola Production Systems

Canola research proposal will also be accepted in past year's high priority areas of (in alphabetical order):

- A. Input Cost Reduction
- B. Pod Shattering

Proposals related to "education & communication" linked with any one of the research areas listed above will also be accepted.

## **PROPOSAL GUIDELINES**

- A. The maximum funding level for multi-disciplinary and/or multi-state projects will be determined in the following manner:
  - i. After an initial \$7,500 is earmarked to maintain the USCA Research Web-site, 15% of the remaining funds appropriated by the FY2007 Agriculture Appropriations Bill shall be allocated towards National Priorities with the USCA Committee having oversight.
  - ii. Net Funds devoted to National Priorities (the 15%) in FY2005 were \$116,775; in FY2006, \$114,734. Total Funds awarded to specific projects these two fiscal years have ranged from \$15,000 to \$63,000.
  - iii. Funds available are subject to the final appropriation passed by Congress for FY2007. Status of the appropriation to date: the House has passed its FY2007 Appropriations bill; the Senate has reported its bill out of Committee, but final passage has not taken place. Amounts in both bills are similar to the last two fiscal years.
- B. Projects of lesser amounts will also be considered. Although multi-year projects will be considered, funding is year by year and will be granted only for a one-year duration.
- C. Funds cannot be used for tenure-track faculty salary; however, postdoctoral, technical support, part-time personnel, graduate assistant salaries are allowed.
- D. Funds cannot be used for exclusive support of USDA-ARS or private sector scientists, but SAES/ARS or SAES/private sector collaborative projects are encouraged.
- E. Indirect costs are not allowed.
- F. Deliverables: a termination report is required for a single year project; multi-year projects require an annual progress report plus a termination report.
- G. Only complete proposals will be considered for review. Complete proposals include all institutional signatures, institutional required forms and CSREES forms. Please note that CSREES-2007 requires extensive supporting information that should be listed as a separate "Budget Detail" page.

## **PROPOSAL FORMAT**

### New Projects:

Proposal text should not exceed six pages and the following uniform format is required:

- A. Statement of problem
- B. Justification
- C. Research objectives
- D. Research procedures (include cooperative effort)

- E. Expected benefits and impact
- F. Duration (3 year maximum)
- G. Budget- use CSREES Form CSREES-2006 (a replacement for Form-55 (6/95) and a separate budget summary that identifies amount and sources of cost sharing and details for travel, printing and supplies.
- H. Vitae (1-page) of personnel involved
- I. Submit 1 hard-copy for review (no facsimile please)
- J. E-mail electronic files to [dthorenson@gordley.com](mailto:dthorenson@gordley.com)

The required CSREES forms can be found at:  
[http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/grant\\_forms/budget\\_per1.pdf](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/grant_forms/budget_per1.pdf)

Previously Funded Projects:

If project is a continuation of a previously funded project, report of previous work must be included with the new proposal. No page limit.

- A. Summary of progress and any proposed modifications of the original proposal (1-2 pages)
- B. Justification for continuation of/or increase in funding (1 page)
- C. Budget- use CSREES Form CSREES-2004 (a replacement for Form-55 (6/95) and a separate budget summary that identifies amount and sources of cost sharing and details for travel, printing and supplies.
- D. Complete a Current and Pending Support Form CSREES-2006.
- E. Submit original proposal complete with previously approved budget(s) and vita(e) as an addendum
- F. Submit 1 hard-copy for review (no facsimile please)
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