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PROJECT 1 ABSTRACT

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This project is a key component of the Networking & Facilitation Office (NFO) which operates under the direction of Dave Van Sanford, Director of the NFO. The primary activity of this project is to employ and house the Manager of the NFO, Sue Canty. This project also provides additional resources for the Manager to carry out the activities of the NFO, although the financial support for carrying out the majority of the NFO's activities will be funded by the NFO project under the direction of David Van Sanford at the University of Kentucky. The title of Dr. Van Sanford's project is the "U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative's Networking & Facilitation Office." It will be funded under USDA-ARS Extramural Agreement 59-0790-6-056.

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 objectives of the NFO are: (1) Facilitate Communication; (2) Maintain and enhance the Resource Management/Accountability Center; (3) Manage and implement all meetings and conferences; and (4) Administer the process of developing the Initiative's annual recommended research plan and budget.