



U.S. Wheat & Barley Scab Initiative

CALL FOR LETTERS OF INTENT (LOI)

Commodity-based and
VDHR-Uniform Nursery
Coordinated Projects

6/19/17

INTRODUCTION

If the primary focus of your proposed research involves one of the following, you should submit a Letter of Intent (LOI):

Commodity-based Coordinated Projects	Barley (BAR)
	Durum (DUR)
	Hard Winter Wheat (HWW)
VDHR-Uniform Nursery Coordinated Projects	Spring Wheat Region - States included in this CP: ID, MN, MT, ND, SD
	Northern Soft Winter Wheat - States included in this CP: IN, IL, KY, MI, MO, NY, OH
	Southern Soft Red Winter Wheat - States included in this CP: AR, GA, LA, NC, VA

NOTE: If you are working on spring or soft winter wheat and your state is not listed above under one of the VDHR Uniform Nursery CPs, please contact the Networking and Facilitation Office (NFO).

LOI Deadlines:

July 14: PIs submit (via email) Letter of Intent to the Chair of the CPC and copy the NFO.

August 15: CP committees notify all PIs who submitted a Letter of Intent to their CP whether their proposed research has been accepted into the CP's FY18-19 Pre-Proposal.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. SUBMISSION OF LETTER OF INTENT

If you plan to participate in one of the Coordinated Projects, you must submit a Letter of Intent to the Chair of the appropriate CP Committee (see Table 1) by **July 14th**. The LOI must adhere to the following requirements:

- *One page (single spaced) maximum;*
- *Name of PI and co-PIs, and the proposed title;*
- *Indicate if this is a continuing or new project;*
- *Identify the research area (MGMT, FST, GDER, PBG or VDHR) in which your project fits (applicable to Commodity-based CPs only).*
- *Synopsis that describes the following:*
 - *the CP's research priority which your project fits;*
 - *the problem being addressed, approaches for solving the problem and the rationale for using these approaches; and*
 - *the outputs of the project and how those outputs will be used by researchers, extension educators, or stakeholders to accomplish the overall goal of the USWBSI.*

***NOTE:** If it does not fit one of the CP's stated research priorities (refer to CPs' or VDHR Program Descriptions and Research Priorities/Objectives - https://scabusa.org/pdfs/rfp/FY18-19_pd-rp.pdf), then suggest a new objective;*

- *Include a statement that demonstrates that the PI/Co-PI's are capable of carrying out the proposed research based on past research productivity and expertise in the relevant field(s) of research; and*
- *Projected total amount of budget request.*

Deadline: Both the Chair of the relevant Coordinated Project Committee (CPC) and the NFO must receive the Letter of Intent by **July 14, 2017**. LOIs should be submitted electronically via e-mail.

Table 1. Contact Information for Coordinated Project Committee Chairs

COMMODITY-BASED COORDINATED PROJECTS		
Barley	Durum	Hard Winter Wheat
Brian Steffenson University of Minnesota Dept. of Plant Pathology 495 Borlaug Hall 1991 Upper Buford Cr. St. Paul, MN 55108 PH: (612) 625-4735 Email: bsteffen@umn.edu	Steven Xu USDA-ARS Northern Crop Science Laboratory 1307 18th Street North Fargo, ND 58105-5677 PH: (701) 239-1327 Email: Steven.Xu@ARS.USDA.GOV	Jon Rich Agripro-Syngenta 11783 Ascher Rd. Junction City, KS 66441 PH: (785) 210-2108 Email: jon.rich@syngenta.com
VDHR-UNIFORM NURSERIES COORDINATED PROJECTS		
Spring Wheat Parents	Northern Soft Winter Wheat	Southern Soft Winter Wheat
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2. CP COMMITTEES' RESPONSE TO RECEIVED LETTERS OF INTENT

The CP Coordinator will notify all PIs who submitted a Letter of Intent whether their proposed research has been accepted into the CP FY18-19 Pre-Proposal.

Deadline: August 15, 2017