

Sponsor/Title: Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Enhancing Biotechnology Market Opportunities for U.S. Exporters and American Farmers

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Funding Opportunity Number: USDA-FAS-10960-0700-109-26-0001

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

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Internal Application Deadline: 2026-07-27 at 1:00 pm, Eastern Time

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-08-17

Description: Modern agricultural biotechnology such as genome editing is a revolutionary tool that could transform the sustainability and viability of the agriculture sector. American farmers rely on agricultural biotechnology products, with over 90% of corn and soybeans derived from these technologies. In 2025, American farmers exported over \$51 billion in agricultural biotechnology products worldwide. However, the biotechnology policies of many trading partners in Europe, Africa, Western Hemisphere (Latin America), and Asia limit the trading potential for American agricultural biotechnology products. Additionally, many trading partners lack regulatory frameworks for the development, commercialization, and trade of animal biotechnology products, which limits U.S. innovation and economic development. The absence of a trade-facilitative system slows the potential of these innovative products which are already in active development.

This NOFO is intended to support activities that promote the America First policy agenda by expanding market access for U.S. agricultural products derived from biotechnology through the removal of barriers to the adoption, use, and trade of these products. Targeted engagement with trading partners and relevant stakeholders is critical to U.S. agricultural exports, and this funding opportunity supports efforts to protect and expand American agricultural production and trade.

The recipient of this award will collaborate with USDA/FAS in the design and implementation of in-person and/or virtual seminars, workshops, and collaborative training events in Africa, Asia, Western Hemisphere/Latin America/Americas and other relevant economic bodies and organizations such as the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the African Union, the European Union, and others. These activities seek to support high level policy dialogue on agricultural biotechnology. USDA/FAS will work with the recipient on the selection of workshop venues, and the selection of participants to include country/government officials, scientists, key speakers and stakeholders. In addition, USDA/FAS and the recipient will collaboratively identify methods to evaluate the participants' increase in knowledge on biotechnology topics.

Program Objectives:

1. Build awareness and knowledge through biotechnology technical assistance to in-country government officials, technical experts, scientists and other stakeholders in select countries, thus promoting acceptance and adoption of agricultural products derived through genome editing via science-based, trade-facilitative regulatory frameworks.
2. Provide knowledge on the current trends and activities surrounding agricultural biotechnology and its benefits thereby enabling in-country stakeholders to provide more effective input on relevant laws and regulations, including those related to genome editing.
3. Support U.S. priorities under key forums, including the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology; support U.S. priorities enhancing the understanding and acceptance of animal biotechnology; and support U.S. priorities through in-country showcases of new breeding techniques to trading partners

that do not currently have fully trade-facilitating regulatory systems for agricultural biotechnology.

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/MqNLSRUNpqdoCCnw5> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- All ND Collaborators:
 - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary: Three (3) pages (maximum) addressing the review criteria outlined on pages 12-13 of the NOFO:
 - Technical Experience, Program Design, Applicability, and Alignment
 - Program Implementation Plans and Strategies

Questions: Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time.

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.