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Business Plan Proposal Circulated for Input

Available for industry input – Deadline Monday July 16, 2012 4:00 PM Central

The Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding (CDCB) is continuing moving forward in the effort for having sustainable data flow, calculating genetic evaluations and providing management benchmarks for the US dairy industry. This involves updating a current Memorandum of Understanding that is in place between the Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding and USDA Agricultural Research Service –Animal Improvement Programs Laboratory (USDA-ARS-AIPL) with a Nonfunded Cooperative Agreement (CA). To facilitate this transition the CDCB has developed a proposed Business Plan to provide a roadmap for operational and financial aspects during the transition and implementation periods. This updated CA and Business Plan will help to recognize and assure:

1. ***Maintaining confidentiality of voluntarily contributed data***
2. ***Access to the cooperator database and calculated results to all parties based on data contribution levels***
3. ***Sustainability of the data flow***
4. ***Research conducted*** on new traits and those of economic and production significance be added for collection, analysis and distribution in the future
5. ***ARS-USDA's (Agricultural Research Service) desire to have AIPL focus on research and reduce or eliminate AIPL's service component to ensure and strengthen the research efforts of AIPL***

This Business Plan Proposal for the CDCB assuming the current service portion of USDA- AIPL efforts is being circulated to the dairy industry for comments and input to facilitate this effort. If you have comments, please provide them by July 16th, 2012 at 4:00 pm Central time to the CDCB email address, one of the CDCB member organizations, or CDCB board of directors or officers listed below.

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