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# POW-REEport Integration: Update

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- **Organizational updates**
- **Institutional Profile New Features** (since NERAOC 2019)
  - Institutional Profile
  - Release 1.3 – Research Critical Issue
- **What's coming?**
  - Director's mandate
  - Extension and Classification Working Groups
  - Revisions to Annual Report due date/content
  - 2020 Panel of Experts

# Organizational Updates (I)

## People

- ✓ Hiring is underway
- ✓ New NPL Liaison assignments should be coming soon
- ✓ New Organizational Chart:  
<https://nifa.usda.gov/resource/nifaorgchart>
- ✓ New email addresses: [first.last@usda.gov](mailto:first.last@usda.gov) Our NIFA emails still work.

## Organizational Updates (2)

### **New Digs – Kansas City and Washington, DC**

- ✓ Permanent building selected in downtown Kansas City, MO; no move-in date yet
- ✓ DC-based staff are housed with Economic Research Service at the Patriot's Plaza for the time being.

# Terms (I)

- ❖ **Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reinvestment Act (AREERA)** – AREERA is the funding authority for Hatch, Evans-Allen, Smith-Lever, and 1890 Extension funds.
- ❖ **Institutional Profile** – This is the label for the features of the new system.

## Terms (2)

❖ **Plan of Work (POW)** – The report submitted by LGUs eligible for Hatch, Evans-Allen, Smith-Lever, and 1890 Extension funds. The POW is distinct from but related to the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results. This also refers to the older application being integrated with REEport.

## Terms (3)

- ❖ **Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results** – The AREERA-mandated report. It summarizes accomplishments and results that institutions realized based on the plan and as captured in the outcomes from research projects and extension programs.
- ❖ **OGFM Supplemental form** – This form details expenditures for multi-state and integrated projects.

## Terms (4)

- ❖ **Critical Issues** – Critical Issues replace Planned Programs and are selected by the institutions.
- ❖ **Knowledge Areas (KA's)** – NIFA uses KA's to map projects to strategic Science Emphasis Areas.
- ❖ **Science Emphasis Areas (SEAs)** – Previously referred to as Portfolios, the SEAs reflect NIFA's strategic goals and objectives.



# New Features

## **Institutional Profile (new POW)**

- ✓ **Reduced burden: 7 to 8 pages**
- ✓ **Most LGUs identified 5 to 7 Critical Issues**
- ✓ **NIFA will develop guidance to help LGUs further streamline POWs**

## Release 1.3 : November 2019 (I)

### Major Changes (Hatch and Evans-Allan Only)

- **Retired** Planned Programs from research project initiations
- **New RESEARCH projects** will be prompted to associate projects to a Critical Issue
- Projects that were submitted but not approved prior to release will be assigned a critical issue by the approving NIFA staff

## Release 1.3 : November 2019 (2)

### Research and Extension:

- Deans and Directors can **un-submit** the Plan of Work
- 2021 Plan of Work has been **rolled over automatically** with the data from the FY 2020
- The Institutional Profile dashboard includes **contact information** for the NIFA Liaison (when appointed)
- **New email notifications** are being added throughout the POW process

## Next Steps

- ✓ Continuing Extension Working Group
- ✓ Annual Report Update
- ✓ Panel of Experts 2020
- ✓ Classification Working Group

# Mandate from NIFA Director

- ❖ **Restore** stakeholder engagement and communication
  - ❖ Working Groups and General Updates
- ❖ **Collaborate** with stakeholders as NIFA rebuilds
- ❖ **Reduce the burden** on LGU staff responsible for reporting and NIFA staff who review submissions
- ❖ **Maintain accountability** as the Federal partner

# Extension Working Group (I)

**Purpose** - Help NIFA design the Extension reporting module

- ❖ Data requirements
- ❖ Reporting format
- ❖ Reporting guidance
- ❖ Testing
- ❖ Issues for next Panel of Experts

# Extension Working Group (2)

## Composition of working group

- NIFA: Michael, Lynn, and Aaron
- Each ECOP region nominated two persons to participate
- One Extension Administrator or Director and 1 Extension colleague with reporting and/or evaluation expertise
- Plus one person from NERAOC and 1 person from National Impact Database

# Annual Report Restructuring

## Annual Report Changes

- Retiring Legacy Plan of Work
- Long form eliminated
- Simplified format with fewer data fields
- Further guidance forthcoming
- One-time collection in alternative format.
- Future format to be built in similar collaboration vein.



# Panel of Experts

**Purpose** – Develop recommendations to assist working groups to continue streamlining the reporting system, reducing the burden of reporting, and improving the quality of reports.

- ❖ Led by Scott Angle, NIFA Director
- ❖ Planning will get underway soon

# Classification Working Group

**Purpose and Timeline**

**To Be Determined**

# Share Your Results with Us

We need media-ready submissions for:

- Budget justifications and Congressional testimony
- USDA blogs and NIFA Web content
- Talking points, and more



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