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 (1)

### People

- ✓ Hiring is underway
- ✓ New NPL Liaison assignments should be coming soon
- ✓ New Organizational Chart: [https://nifa.usda.gov/resource/nifaorgchart](https://nifa.usda.gov/resource/nifaorgchart)
- ✓ New email addresses: 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.
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<td>- <strong>Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reinvestment Act (AREERA)</strong> – AREERA is the funding authority for Hatch, Evans-Allen, Smith-Lever, and 1890 Extension funds.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Institutional Profile</strong> – This is the label for the features of the new system.</td>
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**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.
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<td><strong>Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results</strong> – 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.</td>
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<td><strong>OGFM Supplemental form</strong> – This form details expenditures for multi-state and integrated projects.</td>
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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 (1)

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 (1)

**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

Send them to: [impactstories@usda.gov](mailto:impactstories@usda.gov) or [#NIFAIMpacts](https://twitter.com/NIFAIMpacts) on Twitter (link is external).
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Questions?