Strategic Alliance – Funding Initiative

• **Priority Description:** Move funding efficiently, getting funds obligated to states in a timely manner once appropriations are passed and align fiscal timelines between state and federal levels. Clarify status of funding whenever possible and manage federal and state expectations.

• **Priority Leaders:** Brad White (WA) and Alan Dowdy and Katie Hough

• **Priority Champions:** Osama El-Lissy and Ginger Murphy

• **Working Group Members:**
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  • PPQ: Therese Warner, Stacie Cain, and Sherry Parsons
Strategic Alliance – Funding Initiative Goals

1. Cooperative agreement funds (not including Farm Bill) are available to state regulatory cooperators for programs as soon as possible
2. Bundle cooperative agreements to reduce the administrative burden
3. Document the cooperative agreement workflow to communicate the process and identify potential challenges to success
4. Explore whether the use of the multi-year agreements would reduce administrative burden and improve funding continuity
FY2016 United States Federal Budget Timeline

Budget Support work for Current Fiscal Year includes preparations for two fiscal years in advance

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2016 (Next Fiscal Year) Allocation
- Begin 2016 Allocation spending
- Possible Continuing Resolution (3-5 months)

2015 (Current Year) Justification/Execution
- OMB Q&A
- OMB Pass-back and Appeals
- Receive OMB Allowance/Revises and Submit Explanatory Notes
- President Sends Budget to Congress
- Hearing Preparation/Questions for the Record
- House/Senate Hearings
- House Markup
- Senate Markup
- Congress Passes the Act/President Signs the Bill

2014 (Previous Year) Formation
- Beginning of (3-5 years past)
- Formulate and Submit APHIS Estimate to the Department
- USDA Q&A
- USDA Passback and Appeals
- Submit USDA Estimate to OMB

Note:
This flowchart presents the entire Federal Budget Timeline from start to finish. However, all three phases (Formation, Justification, and Allocation) occur each year. For example: In FY2015, the Federal Government will simultaneously process the Formulation for the FY17 budget, the Execution for the FY16 budget and the Allocation for the FY15.
Election Year

Budget hearings

Budget allocation
Disclaimers:
These are approximate timelines based on availability of funding.

Note:
Agreements generally run for a single year with the exception of “no cost” extensions.
Strategic Alliance – Funding Initiative Next Steps

• Share report and charts with NPB members
• PPQ Resource Management Services
  • Cooperative agreement training in AgLearn
  • exFedGrants outreach
  • Process monitoring
  • Allocation status
• Cooperative Agreements Management Working Group