



## Message from the Chair



Dear Colleagues:

The Capacity Building Grants Program stakeholder meeting was held in Atlanta, GA on July 27, 2010. The meeting was extremely well attended by all three sectors, research, extension and academics. The presentation given by Dr. Ali Mohamed can be found on the ARD website, [www.umes.edu/ard](http://www.umes.edu/ard). The click-on is on the homepage, at the bottom.

Many comments and responses were provided. Notes were taken and these notes are now being reviewed for strengthening or correcting. Thereafter, they will be posted on the ARD website. However, it is very important that the 1890 Universities send their position statements to NIFA rather than having the land grant community send in one or two stakeholder responses that incorporate consensus statements. In other words, it is more important to send many responses rather than just a few. Comments should be submitted by mail to:

Policy and Oversight Branch  
Office of Extramural Programs  
National Institute of Food and Agriculture  
USDA; STOP 2299  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250-2299

Or via email to [RFP-OEP@NIFA.usda.gov](mailto:RFP-OEP@NIFA.usda.gov)

In your comments, please state that you are responding to the 1890 Institution Education, Research and Extension Capacity Building Grants Program RFA.

Dr. Mohamed stressed that we do the following:

1. Read the RFA each year and follow the directions.
2. Do not put all of our eggs in the CBG Basket. Have a strategic plan for garnering external resources and apply to a variety of funding programs, not just the CBG program.

Sincerely,

*Orlando McMeans*, ARD Chair



***2011 Biennial Research Symposium—April 9- 13, 2011 in Atlanta.***

***Please stay informed. The Symposium Website should be up and running soon.***

***Reminder: Students must arrive on Saturday, April 9th, because presentations will begin at 8:30 AM on April 10th.***

# ARD UPDATES



## Reminder:

### 2011 ESS/SAES/ARD Meeting and Workshop

September 26 –30th in Nashville, TN

The ARD is the hosting region this year so we are requesting 100% ARD participation. If you have not registered yet nor made hotel reservations, please use the following web-site to do so: [www.umes.edu/ard/ess](http://www.umes.edu/ard/ess). Deadline without penalty is August 20th. Tennessee State University has graciously offered to host the ARD section meeting of the Workshop on their campus on Monday, September 27th.

### *Updates from the Land Grant System's Standing Committees*

The Budget and Advocacy Committee (BAC) Meeting: At its July 19th meeting in Seattle, the BAC advanced its recommendations for Themes and Issues to be highlighted for the F.Y. 2011 Funding Year. Selected are the national issues of bioenergy, global climate change, global food security, nutrition and health and agricultural workforce strengthening. Some of the committee suggest that the lines targeted for enhancement should be reduced even further than the reduction of emphasized lines of last year. The debate goes on. In the meantime the latest amounts brought forth for 1890 lines are in place (see below). Also the 406 programs in food safety, regional pest management centers and FQPA programs have been zeroed out. Only the Senate allowed funding to remain unchanged for the water quality programs; the President's and the House budgets eliminated these lines.

<b>Research &amp; Ed Activities</b>	<b>FY 2010 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2011 President</b>	<b>FY 2011 House</b>	<b>FY 2011 Senate</b>
<b>Evans-Allen</b>	\$48.5 M	\$48.5 M	\$51 M	\$48.5 M
<b>Capacity Building Grants</b>	\$18.25 M	\$18.25 M		\$18.25 M
<b>1890 Extension</b>	\$42.677 M	\$42.677 M	\$46.7 M	\$42.677 M
<b>1890 Facilities</b>	\$19.77 M	\$19.77 M		\$19.77 M
<b>McIntire– Stennis</b>	\$29 M	\$29 M	\$29.5 M	\$29 M
<b>AFRI</b>	\$262.482 M	\$428.845 M	\$312.392 M	\$310.074 M

Our representative on the Committee on Legislation and Policy, Dr. Steve Meredith, has submitted the ARD recommendations for the next Farm Bill. In summary the 1890 universities recommend reauthorization of the Evans-Allen program with an increase from the authorized level of 30% of Hatch to 35% of Hatch; reauthorization of the Capacity Building Grants Program; and reauthorization of the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Program with language to make provisions for non-federal matching waivers for 1890 institutions similar to what is given to the Virgin Islands and Guam. The ARD also supported the AEA's recommendations which are critical sources of funding for 1890 extension and the 1890 Facilities Program. Additionally, the ARD supported the ESCOP recommendations relating to AFRI, Hatch and mandatory programs. It was recommended that matching requirements be eliminated from all mandatory programs, such as the Specialty Crops Research Program, which has a 1:1 matching requirement.