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Eastern Region Soybean Board Accepting Research and Sponsorship Proposals

HARRISBURG, PA (January 8, 2014) — The [Eastern Region Soybean Board](#) is currently accepting grant applications for projects designed to improve the efficiency, profitability, and sustainability of soybean producers in Florida, West Virginia and the New England states. The deadline for applications is January 27, 2014. The Eastern Region Soybean Board will review research and sponsorship grant requests and select grant recipients in mid-February.

Soybean research and promotion is essential to soybean producers. Investigators with new and challenging ideas are encouraged to submit proposals for research that may expand profit opportunities for soybean producers.

Proposals for research focusing on soybean production, utilization, education/information and marketing will be considered. Proposals for field days, grower seminars and educational events are encouraged. All proposals must demonstrate a benefit to soybean producers

In addition to research projects that focus on crop production issues and those that position soy in alternative-use niche markets, the all-farmer Eastern Region Soybean Board will also consider proposals that focus on issues affecting the sustainability of the number one domestic customer for soybean meal: animal agriculture.

In order to maximize funds available for projects and to reduce overhead costs, the Eastern Region Soybean Board participates in a shared-executive arrangement with the Pennsylvania Soybean Board. Grant applications can be obtained by calling the joint Harrisburg, Pa.-based office at 717.651.5922.

About the Eastern Region Soybean Board

The Eastern Region Soybean Board is a farmer-controlled Board responsible for managing funds received from the nationwide Soybean Checkoff program. Soybean farmers from Florida, West Virginia, and New England contribute to the Eastern Region Soybean Board.

The funding is available under an assessment program, approved by Congress in 1990, under which soybean farmers contribute 50 cents of every \$100 they receive for their beans at the first point of sale. Funds are used to develop markets, educate consumers, and research new ways to utilize and produce soybeans more efficiently.

For more information, go to www.easternregionsoy.org.

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