

Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) – Auburn University
Alabama Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Competitive Mini-Grant Program
2007 Request for Proposals

Deadline: January 15, 2007

The Alabama Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program Coordinator at Auburn University is soliciting proposals for 2007 IPM mini-grant projects to support agricultural stakeholders to transition to using less pesticides and enhance IPM adoption in Alabama. The program supports mini-grants for IPM education, extension, demonstration, and implementation projects focusing on Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) transition and reduced-risk strategies (e.g., cultural practices, pest monitoring, biological control, and reduced-risk pesticides) for pest management in agricultural and urban ecosystems. Projects must address an immediate IPM-related clientele-identified need. Specific requirements are detailed in the attached proposal format. This is a **competitive** grant program and proposals will have a limit of \$4,000. The program anticipates award of up to 12 grants for 2007 subject to the quality of proposals received. Funds should be available by March 2007.

For more information about the Alabama IPM Program including a list of project funded last year please visit: www.alabamaipm.com OR <http://www.aces.edu/anr/ipm/>

An example of a successful mini-grant proposal which can be used as a template can also be viewed on this webpage.

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When considering a project please be aware of the following:

1. The IPM mini-grant program is open to IPM specialists and extension agricultural, horticultural, and urban agents whose position includes working with the pests (insects, weeds and/or diseases) of Alabama's plant industries. This program is designed to facilitate collaboration among campus and station IPM specialists/faculty and field extension agents (e.g., regional, area, and county agents).
2. A qualified individual may submit only one proposal as Principal Investigator (PI) per funding period. However, an individual can be listed on several proposals as Co-PI.
3. High priority will be given to cooperative projects among field, station and campus-based faculty that solve recognized clientele needs. These projects provide an opportunity to gather field data on IPM tactics and systems as well as to identify potential implementation problems.
4. Reports: The IPM Coordinator is required to demonstrate IPM program success to ensure continued award of Federal IPM dollars. To assist the IPM Coordinator in documenting program success, a written report (limit to 5 pages) that summarizes project accomplishments and success stories is required by January 30, 2008 (by January 15, 2008 if applying for a renewal).
5. Principal Investigators are also encouraged to present project results at a statewide, regional or national professional society meeting appropriate to the project.
6. The Extension IPM program and its administrators are not responsible for commitments made prior to the allocations of IPM funds.

Content and Format of Proposal

Proposals could be for a new project or a request for renewal of last year's grant. Proposals must be no more than 3 pages, single-spaced Word document (Times New Roman, 12 point), and should contain the following:

1. **Project Title:**
2. **Indicate whether proposal is new or a request for renewal of last year's grant:**
3. **Principal Investigator (include contact information):**
4. **Cooperators (include contact information):**
5. **Brief description of the problem and how clientele were involved in problem identification:**
6. **Project Objectives:**
7. **Project Description: (include techniques to be used and project timeline)**
8. **Expected outcomes and impacts: (include performance measures that demonstrate the economic and/or environmental benefits of the project)**
9. **Budget: (provide a concise budget narrative to justify your request for each line item listed below)**
 - a. **Salary**
 - b. **Materials and supplies (describe)**
 - c. **Travel**
 - d. **Others**
 - e. **Total budget**
10. **Period of funding: Please note that grants are limited to a 1- (one) year funding period of March 1, 2007 through February 29, 2008.**
11. **Reports: If you were funded last year (2006), submit (as an attachment) a progress or final report (limit to 5 pages). This must be submitted regardless of whether or not the current proposal is related to the previous one.**
12. **Please submit by January 15, 2007 an electronic version of your proposal in MS Word as an e-mail attachment to:**

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