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Reference: Modernizing Extension and Advisory Services (MEAS) Program
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Subject: Amendment No. 01

The purpose of this Amendment No. 01 is to clarify the level of funding, revise a reference link in the Program Description, and add a deadline of May 14, 2010, for confirming attendance at the pre-application conference scheduled for May 19, 2010.

The following changes are made:

1. Cover Letter, Page 2, last paragraph delete the sentences: "Applicants should use an annual Leader Award funding level of \$1,800,000. The actual annual obligation in years two through five will be based on the pipeline, proposed activities in the annual work plans, and availability of funds." and insert, in lieu thereof, the following: "Applicants should use an initial Leader Award funding level of \$1.0 million in FY 2010 and annual obligations of \$2.0 million for the next four years. The actual annual obligation in years two through five will be based on the pipeline, proposed activities in the annual work plans, and availability of funds."
2. Page 4, in the paragraph concerning the Pre-Award Conference, line 3: after "please confirm attendance" insert "no later than Friday, May 14, 2010, at 10:00 a.m."
3. Page 12, Section I. A.3, the last paragraph in this section, delete the sentence: "At the time of the release of this RFA there is an initiative to pull together donors and practitioners of rural advisory service through the Global Initiative for Rural Advisory Services (GIFRAS). (See: <http://www.neuchatelinitiative.net/english/index.htm>)." and insert, in lieu thereof, the following: "A current initiative underway in initial stages seeks to bring together donors and practitioners of rural advisory services in a Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS) to improve effectiveness of these services (See: www.g-fras.org)."
4. Page 18, Section II. A. Estimated Level of Funding, delete the second paragraph that begins "Applicants should use as a guide an initial startup amount in mid-FY 2010 of \$50,000..." and insert, in lieu thereof, the following: "Applicants should use as a guide an initial startup amount in FY 2010 of \$1.0 million and annual obligations of \$2.0 million thereafter through FY 2014 based on the outstanding pipeline and the planned level of effort for the following year. Annual work plans and funding will depend on requirements from country programs for support for extension and advisory services."

Sincerely,

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