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I would like to bring to your attention the opportunity to review and comment on a draft concept paper for a proposed new Livestock-Climate Change Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP) to be funded by the Office of Agriculture in the Bureau of Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade (EGAT/AG) in the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). USAID plans to issue a Request for Applications (RFA) in March 2008 to accept proposals to implement a new Livestock-Climate Change CRSP. The concept paper describes the proposed purpose, objectives, and key elements of the CRSP. The concept paper does not constitute a request for applications, which will come later through the normal RFA process whereby only Title XII universities and their public and private sector partners may submit applications. A Leader with Associates Cooperative Agreement (LWA) will be used to implement this program.

The concept paper was developed by EGAT/AG as a point of discussion and outreach to consult with the broader community of stakeholders, including USAID missions, regional bureaus, universities, and the private sector. Your comments are requested to help initialize the program description and structure for the Livestock-Climate Change CRSP. Comments need to be sent to OAA. OAA will then distribute them to EGAT/AG. Please send your comments and questions to Ms. Leona Sasinkova ([lsasinkova@usaid.gov](mailto:lsasinkova@usaid.gov)) by March 7, 2008. The concept paper will be discussed at the meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD) on February 27, 2008 at the National Press Club, 529 14th St., NW., Washington, D.C. (13th Floor).

The draft Livestock-Climate Change CRSP concept paper can be found at the Grants.Gov website located at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

Thank you for your assistance and interest in the Livestock-Climate Change CRSP.

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