For the purpose of informing interested faculty, please be aware of the following opportunity. Please note that the other recipients of this announcement could be potential collaborators on this opportunity.

USDA-NIFA-AFRI-003041: Agricultural and Food Research Initiative – Global Food Security

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), U.S. Department of Agriculture, announces the 2010 Agricultural and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) – Global Food Security Challenge. The Global Food Security Challenge Area focuses on two intertwined issues: Food Availability and Food Accessibility. Adequate food availability implies that the population has a reliable source of food from domestic or international production. For adequate food accessibility the population must have sufficient resources to purchase food for a nutritious diet. Dual benefits for domestic and international food security are achieved when food availability and food accessibility goals are met successfully. The long-term outcome for this program is to increase global food availability through increased sustainable food production with reduced losses. Projects are being solicited in five program areas:

- **Improving Sustainability by Improving Feed Efficiency of Animals**
- **Minimizing Losses from Dairy Diseases with Major Impact on Production, Marketing, and/or Trade**
- **Oomycete Pathosystems in Crop Plants to Minimize Disease**
- **Program Delivery and Implementation of Wide-area Pest Monitoring**
- **Improved Sustainable Food Systems to Reduce Hunger and Food Insecurity Domestically and Globally**

Please note that In FY 2010, certain Program Areas within AFRI-Global Food Security Challenge require a Letter of Intent for submission of an application. For those programs requiring a Letter of Intent, a letter is required for all grant types except Conference Grant applications.
Additionally, please note that submission deadlines may differ for each of the five program areas within the AFRI-Global Food Security Challenge. Full proposals must be received by the Sponsored Programs Office five business days before the agency submission due date.

For detailed information about this opportunity (USDA-NIFA-AFRI-003041) please see the full solicitation (here). To find more opportunities from this agency, please see here.

Approximately $262M will be available to support the AFRI program, with approximately $19M available for the Global Food Security Challenge. Please see the full solicitation for complete award information for each of the programs.

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