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Jim,

The APMC white paper was not selected for further development ostensibly on the grounds that it requested funding (see message from Gail Burd below). However, we outlined a series of requests that required no moneys at all, and, in my mind at least, represented a re-organization that needs to be recognized by our institution and not just CALS.

The reason for this has now become apparent. The new federal Extension IPM RFA (distributed yesterday) limits applications to just 1 per institution. Furthermore, if more than one is rec'd, it would disqualify all submissions from that institution. Given that this is a significant investment of my time, and during the intersession, I will need clear authority to develop this proposal and a means to make sure that only one goes forward from our institution. This resource could be as much as \$600,000 per year. I would hate to make this investment and see it put at risk because of a proposal emanating from somewhere else at the University, let alone our own College. I would also not enjoy being accused of seizing some authority I don't have by colleagues.

Given these set of facts, I think it would have been better if the President's and Provost's process would have acknowledged our effort to consolidate integrated pest management functions at the UA. To re-cap those elements of the white paper not requiring any outlay of new funds:

- 1) The Arizona Pest Management Center needs full UA institutional recognition as the interdisciplinary center for IPM, in addition to its current status within CALS;
- 2) The APMC needs to be our institutional designee and authority for formulating and addressing the federal EIPM call for proposals in Arizona. The APMC is a multidisciplinary, collaborative organization recognized by our citizens and stakeholders, and organizationally provides the most efficient way to interface with the new competitive federal EIPM program;
- 3) Under the old system, each state had a designated state IPM coordinator responsible for interfacing with the federal IPM program. To sustain this critical link to federal IPM programs, we need support by UA for the assignment of the Director of the APMC as the point person and representative to the newly formed federal competitive EIPM program;
- 4) Success of the APMC in this new federal climate is virtually assured. However, the APMC needs commitment for institutional fiscal back-stopping should any exigency occur;

I would like input from you on how to proceed. Without clear and definitive signals from this institution, there is little incentive for me personally to invest considerable time and energy into the coordination and submission of this multi-disciplinary proposal. Our time is short, and the requirements for the RFA are extensive. At a time when the University is under such fiscal pressure, I would have hoped the process could have recognized the value of clearing administrative barriers to our successful programs.

Best,
Peter

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Gail Burd" <gburd@email.arizona.edu>
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Dear Dr. Ellsworth:

Thank you for submitting the white paper entitled Arizona Pest Management Center #171. President Shelton and Provost Hay have reviewed your white paper and the recommendation from the Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Transformation Subcommittee (SPBAC).

They note that you are not proposing a reorganization, but have instead requested a significant increase in funding to expand your activities. The central administration does not have funds to support these activities at this time.

Since your proposal is not a reorganization, there is no need to participate further in the transformation process.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Regards,

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