SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY (COMBINED)

MERIT AND PEER REVIEW

ALL AES RESEARCH PROJECTS ARE SUBJECTED TO PEER AND MERIT REVIEW PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION. ALL HATCH AND MULTI-STATE PROJECTS REQUIRE INDEPENDENT PEER REVIEWS FROM TWO SCIENTISTS THAT ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE RESPECTIVE SUBJECT AREA. THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OR A DEPARTMENTAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IDENTIFIES PEER REVIEWERS. THE DEPARTMENT HEAD AND THE AES DIRECTOR SERVE AS MERIT REVIEWERS.

A STANDARD REVIEW INSTRUMENT FACILITATES PEER AND MERIT REVIEWS. REVIEWERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMMENT ON WHY THE PROPOSED RESEARCH IS NEEDED, IT'S RELEVANCE TO AGRICULTURE, THE TARGET AUDIENCE, AND HOW IT COMPLIMENTS OTHER RESEARCH.

PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH GRANTS THAT ARE FUNDED BY STAKEHOLDER GROUPS ARE SUBJECTED TO REVIEW BY THE STAKEHOLDERS THEMSELVES AND BY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS. MUCH LIKE THE CRIS SYSTEM, STAKEHOLDER GROUPS ASK FOR ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS ON FUNDED RESEARCH.

THE CES PEER REVIEW WILL BE A TWO-PHASE PROCESS: 1) THE SDSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE PROGRAM LEADER FOR AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE PROGRAM LEADER FOR FAMILY/YOUTH-4-H WILL SERVE AS THE PEER REVIEW TEAM FOR THE RESPECTIVE COMPONENTS OF THE PLAN OF WORK. 2) THE PROGRAM LEADERS FROM KANSAS, NEBRASKA AND NORTH DAKOTA WILL REVIEW THE SOUTH DAKOTA PLAN OF WORK. IN TURN, THE PROGRAM LEADERS FROM SOUTH DAKOTA WILL REVIEW THE PLANS OF WORK FROM NORTH DAKOTA, KANSAS AND NEBRASKA.