

stakeholders in Iowa watersheds for the purpose of improving agriculture's environmental performance and watershed health. The project design employs science-based applied evaluation tools at field, farm, and watershed level (such as water monitoring, soil sampling, and guided stalk sampling) to collect performance data that can be applied in a feedback loop to the planning process. The project supports expert staff to assist watershed organizations and groups of farmers in developing and maintaining these adaptive management plans and in measuring and reporting performance in optimizing fertilizer use efficiency, mediating agricultural pollutants, decreasing soil erosion, building soil carbon, improving on-farm energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, enhancing wildlife habitat, and maintaining or increasing yield and profitability. Private-public partnerships among agencies, private industry, producers, environmental groups, all levels of government, water utilities, and the university are fundamental to the design of this project, and those functioning partnerships to achieve the above project objectives are a measure of the project's success. This project also enables farmers to engage in watershed leadership and planning, employing their expertise and motivating more effective environmental management practices.

Federal funding will be used to support integration of watershed planning and privately funded conservation practices with planning and performance reporting conducted by USDA NRCS in Iowa; integration of watershed planning with individual producers' conservation planning in targeted watersheds in 4–6 additional targeted watersheds; development and evaluation of solutions to agricultural non-point source pollution targeted to prioritized Iowa watersheds; and integration of data collection and reporting focused on soil, atmosphere, and energy conservation as indirect attributes of water quality improvement efforts in agricultural watersheds. One of the greatest challenges to achieving and documenting actual improvements in water quality and watershed health where Rapid Watershed Assessment and Watershed Planning has taken place and where significant farmer participation in conservation planning and implementation is taking place is the lack of sustained funding for planning, technical assistance to farmers and watersheds, and water monitoring implementations. Previous appropriations for this project are helping meet that challenge in at least three major agricultural watersheds in Iowa—Raccoon, Boone, and Iowa River-Upper. FY10 funding will help continue to meet that challenge for the period of time required to achieve and document results and to demonstrate a performance-based model for achieving agronomic, environmental, and economic goals in farm-belt watersheds. The planning and monitoring infrastructure and watershed partnerships developed under previous federal funding are in place, and these appropriations help ensure the necessary scope and scale of implementation and the integration of otherwise discreet programs. The work being done in these watersheds, linked to sophisticated water monitoring and analysis and other resource monitoring tools, can have a significant impact on the ability of farmers and other agricultural watershed stakeholders to achieve and document real advances in watershed health and water quality, if given time

to work. This can have significant impacts on the ability of agencies to tailor their program incentives, cost share, and delivery systems to be more effective in helping groups of producers in watershed achieve success in meeting natural resource conservation goals and improving water quality. It will also demonstrate effective models for the private sector's role in working with agencies to more efficiently and effectively meet environmental performance goals.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE KING

Bill Number H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Watershed/Flood Prevention Operations

Amount: \$1,146,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: USDA—Natural Resources Conservation Services

Address of Requesting Entity: 210 Walnut Street, 693 Federal Building, Des Moines, IA 50309

Description of Request: The requested funding will be used to reduce flood damage, gully erosion damage, stream channel degradation, and to improve water quality within the Little Sioux River Watershed of western Iowa. The Little Sioux watershed in western Iowa is an area that is intensively farmed due to productive but easily erodible soils. This funding will help to provide landowners and communities much-needed assistance in installing soil and water conservation practices to slow water runoff and reduce erosion damage to agricultural land, public infrastructure including roads and bridges, and to reduce sediment and associated agricultural nutrients and pesticides being delivered to streams and rivers.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on project funding, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I requested as part of Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill—H.R. 2997:

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Illinois

Address of Requesting Entity: College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, 1301 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801

Description of Request: \$176,000 for the University of Illinois Extension to extend its MarketMaker information technology platform to a national level that will enable food producers, processors, wholesalers and retailers electronic access to geographically-referenced data, thus enhancing the opportunity for food and agricultural entrepreneurs to identify and develop new and profitable markets and improve the efficiency and profitability of food

systems in the United States and globally. Of this amount \$91,277 is for personnel; \$28,752 for Supplies; \$17,204 for Publications; \$13,198 for Services; \$13,679 for travel; and \$11,890 for USDA administrative costs.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Illinois

Address of Requesting Entity: College of Veterinary Medicine, 1008 Hazelwood Dr., Urbana, IL 61802

Description of Request: \$235,000 for the Illinois Center for One Medicine, One Health at the University of Illinois which will focus on research, training and outreach efforts designed to improve our society's preparedness and response to natural and intentional exposures of biological, chemical and physical agents. Of this amount \$117,500 is for research; \$47,000 is for the instruction of courses various academic programs; and \$70,500 for training programs and exercises to serve state departments of agriculture and public health.

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Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Illinois

Address of Requesting Entity: College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, 1301 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801

Description of Request: \$461,000 for the University of Illinois to conduct collaborative, multidisciplinary research to promote optimal human health by studying novel attributes of food. Of this amount \$322,300 is for Personnel; \$14,000 is for Participant/Trainee Support; \$60,600 for Supplies; \$3,300 for Publications; \$29,800 for Travel; and \$31,000 for USDA administrative costs.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Illinois

Address of Requesting Entity: College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, 1301 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801

Description of Request: \$745,000 for the Soybean Disease Biotechnology Center, located within the National Soybean Research Laboratory (NSRL) at the University of Illinois, which provides cutting edge research and a first line of defense against major soybean diseases. Of this amount \$595,000 is for Personnel; \$80,000 for Supplies; \$20,000 for Travel; and \$50,000 for USDA administrative costs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of