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Re: *Genomics of Abiotic Stress Resistance in Wild and Cultivated Sunflowers*

Dear Drs. Rieseberg and Burke,

Congratulations to you and your team on the success of your full application submitted to Genome Canada's *2014 Large-Scale Applied Research Project Competition: Genomics and Feeding the Future*, in partnership with the Western Grains Research Foundation (WGRF).

Of the 27 full proposals reviewed, Genome Canada's Board of Directors approved funding for the 11 top-ranked applications. The total maximum approved budget for these projects is \$94,060,974 over four years, of which the contributions from Genome Canada and WGRF are a maximum of \$35,815,391.

The Review Committee was impressed by the overall quality of the applications. This observation is a credit to all applicants and we congratulate you on your successful contribution to this very challenging and competitive process.

Because the total funding for the approved projects was greater than the budget available for this Competition, Genome Canada's financial contribution to each project was reduced by approximately 5%. While the Board of Directors regrets imposing the reductions to funded projects, the Board recognized the quality and importance of the research of the top-ranked proposals and felt that this option optimized the research investment possible.

For your project, Genome Canada has approved a total budget of up to \$7,879,009 over four years, with contribution from Genome Canada being a maximum of \$3,054,485.

Before Genome Canada funds can be disbursed, several conditions for funding must be satisfied. Conditions for the release of funds is detailed in your *Notice of Award (NOA)* provided with this letter. All successful applicants must demonstrate by **September 30, 2015** that they will be in a position to receive Genome Canada funding. **Genome Canada reserves the right to withdraw its funding for any approved project that has not met the conditions for funding by that time.**

Genome Canada staff will be implementing an iterative process to work with you, your project team and Genome Centre staff to ensure that all conditions for funding are met prior to the release of Genome Canada funds. In the coming weeks, each project team will be provided with an initial status report, which will include a list of documentation required to support the project's co-funding plan.

Through your Genome Centre, you will also be given the following documents:

- Assessments from individual committee members, written prior to the face-to-face meeting in Toronto
- A Summary of Review, which captures the Committee's observations and recommendations following the face-to-face meeting. Although the individual written reviews may present different opinions, the Summary of Review captures the Committee consensus after full discussion. The final section of this report contains any issues that must be addressed prior to funding. The report may also contain additional recommendations which should be taken into consideration, as they will be re-visited during the post-award monitoring process.

Please note that the results of this competition are under embargo until further notice (i.e., no public announcement, news release or web-site posting is being initiated at this time). The results are being kept confidential, pending a formal announcement. Please be reminded that funding from the Government of Canada through Genome Canada, the Lead Genome Centre and any other Centres, must be acknowledged in all future communications regarding your project, including research publications, press releases, posters and oral presentations.

Genome Canada would like to congratulate you on your success in this competition. Genome Canada looks forward to working with you and the Genome Centre staff to ensure a timely release of funds.

Sincerely,



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