

From: [Rene Clara](#)
To: [Joan Frederick; wlr@tamu.edu](#)
Cc: [dsulliva@unlnotes.unl.edu](#)
Subject: Re: Invoice from Compatible Technology International
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 9:59:07 AM

Dear Joan,

On your question. Two mills are already in the food laboratory of the CENTA. I asked Mr. Kris, manager of them, who should check them and was informing me. His report is the following one:

"Pieces that normally come with the shipped mills and did not come with the mills (One wooden and one Ewing) that brought LeAnn Taylor :

Manual

Straight brush

Round brush

Small adjustable nut wrench

Pair of round-hollow washers

Pair of cotter pins

Translucent top cover

The mills came with a pair of new discs, the two helixes and lever for manual operation, everything needed to run.

The pieces mentioned are for cleaning purposes basically.

The pieces not provided are not essential and can be found here, also because the mills will be kept in CENTA, and are not intended to be donated to other people, there is no real need to have them send.

(The proper axle for the wooden mil was send earlier by CTI)

The wooden mill has already been "motorized" and gave good results. The Ewing will be motorized soon.

Atte. Kris"

Regards,

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Para: wlr@tamu.edu; reneclara@yahoo.com
CC: dsulliva@unlnotes.unl.edu
Enviado: mar, octubre 20, 2009 1:07:17 PM
Asunto: Fw: Invoice from Compatible Technology International

Bill Rooney and Rene Clara - please approve this invoice before we make any payments.

Have the materials been delivered and are there any problems with the equipment?

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----- Forwarded by Joan Frederick/intpgms/IANR/UNEBR on 10/20/2009 02:05 PM -----

From: Compatible Technology International <bert@compatibletechnology.org>
To: jfrederick1@unl.edu
Cc: bert@compatibletechnology.org, plittlej@tamu.edu
Date: 10/20/2009 01:02 PM
Subject: Invoice from Compatible Technology International

Hi INTSORMIL :

This invoice will cover the Ewing and Wooden grinders that Ms Taylor carried down to El Salvador.

We trust that they are working for the folks at CENTA.

We appreciate working with you and them very much.

Sincerely,

Bert Rivers
Compatible Technology International

To view your invoice

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(See attached file: Inv_081077_from_Compatible.pdf)

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From: [Vilma Calderon](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: Vilma Calderon would like to connect with you on Yahoo!
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 10:55:53 AM



Vilma Calderon (Vilma)

would like to connect with you on Yahoo! so you can easily share each others' Updates



Vilma Calderon
(Vilma)

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From: [Stefaniak, Thomas R](#)
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 11:32:38 AM

Bill

I am hoping you can give me some advice concerning harvesting sorghum from the DOE trial after a frost here in KY. I have already measured yield components and taken grab samples for all the plots. For the Graze-all and Graze-n-Bale plots I took two grab samples; one when we made the first cut, and one a week ago.

I am planning on harvesting the final total biomass from all plots tomorrow 10-22. Unfortunately we had a hard frost last Sunday. The mostly dead plants obviously have less moisture content than they did when I collected the grab samples. Consequently I think I need to sample them again so I can more accurately adjust the weight to dry yield. My question to you is should I also send you those post harvest grab samples as well? I am glad to do it but do not want to overwhelm your people with samples (8 from the first cut, 24 from last weeks sample date , and 24 post frost). Another question is that last year I sent you very large samples (like 2 or 3 kgs). Can I send less?

If this email is hard to follow you can call me on my cell at 859-489-3553. Also, is there any more news about your post-doc?

Respectfully

Thomas R. Stefaniak

From: [Seth C. Murray](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: Re: Early Puff
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 11:38:47 AM

Bill,

I hope your trip is going well,

The account you suggested does not have any money that can be used for equipment. Carol suggested your CERES money because there is over \$95k for equipment in the two accounts. To create the R doc they will use this, but if you want to change it we can before a P doc is created.

No action is needed, just keeping you in the loop.

Thanks,

Seth

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu>
To: "Seth C. Murray" <sethmurray@neo.tamu.edu>
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2009 5:33:45 PM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: RE: Early Puff

Seth:

Okay, sorry about not getting that done. I'm running around crazy with no time for nothing. I gotta quit this stuff.

I don't have the account numbers with me, but Sonnie Feagely should be able to help you.

I would like to take the funds from the USDA DOE U FL subcontract. The amount is \$8,000. Sonnie, Consider this e-mail authorization.

If you have questions, please send me an e-mail - I should be able to check it again on Tuesday morning early.

Regards,

Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Seth C. Murray [<mailto:sethmurray@neo.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2009 11:20 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Re: Early Puff

I understand you are leaving for Indonesia today or tomorrow. I hope you have a nice trip. I tried to order the machine on Friday but Nancy was out. In case I actually can order this while you are away do you have an account number that I can reference for the R-doc? Less than \$10,000 will definitely help.

Thanks,

Seth

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu>

To: "Seth C. Murray" <sethmurray@neo.tamu.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 5:01:37 PM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central

Subject: RE: Early Puff

Seth:

Glad to hear you were able to squeeze a few dollars out of the College. The real question is now how much do you need from me in order to get the Thermo Anteris?

I've got \$10,000 that I can send if you need it (I shouldn't state it that way should I).

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Seth C. Murray [<mailto:sethmurray@neo.tamu.edu>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 6:44 AM

To: Bill Rooney; Tim Herrman

Subject: Re: Early Puff

I meant to save draft and I hit send - I did not mean to insinuate I am not extremely grateful for this support, because I am - I think allows us to choose between two possibilities.

I do not have the exact figures but basically we have two options. I would say with this PUF money we could afford the Thermo Anteris (~\$60k, what NREL bought two of), which is probably the best dedicated FT-NIR but also about \$20k more for the base machine than option two - which is Perkin-Elmer (~\$40k, I know of no one with this machine currently). The only consideration I have in the less expensive Perkin-Elmer machine is that if there was future interest in transferring calibrations to third world collaborators, this greatly limits this possibility that they can afford the same machine.

Either way the accessories that both of you are interested are available and similar in cost (liquid module - included), fiber optic probe (~\$7500 - if I remember right).

Ordering this - both are on contract - is my number 1 priority for the end of the week if we can.

Thanks,

Seth

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From: "Seth C. Murray" <sethmurray@neo.tamu.edu>
To: "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu>, "Tim Herrman" <therrman@tamu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 6:31:52 AM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: Fwd: Early Puff

It is not everything we asked for but it certainly helps.

Thanks,

Seth

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "David Baltensperger" <DBaltensperger@ag.tamu.edu>
To: sethmurray@neo.tamu.edu, "Carol Rhodes" <cj-rhodes@tamu.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2009 5:39:55 PM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: Fwd: RE: Early Puff

Seth,

Congratulations -- hope this helps.

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From: [Pam Wilhelm](#)
To: [Bill L Rooney](#)
Subject: account 405235 (CERES)
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 11:54:06 AM

Morning Dr. Rooney,

I just wanted to touch base with you on these two accounts. You had me set up the second year funding into a different support account because you wanted to be able to tell how much was spent from the different years. As of today, the first year's funding has the budget categories all in the negative because the only money left in the account is in the Capital Outlay Pool. It doesn't bother me if it doesn't bother you, I just wanted to let you know. Here's the balances

Year one 405235-84720

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From: [Andrew Paterson](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 1:48:22 PM

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From: [Wilfred Vermerris](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: Thank you
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 1:49:36 PM

Hi Bill,

I wanted to thank you for the information on the [REDACTED] mapping experiments. John shared his plans regarding their mapping, which will prevent a duplicate effort. He kindly provided a letter to that effect for a new project proposal aimed at developing sorghums that will perform better in Florida than Dale, Keller etc.

I hope your harvest season is going well.

Best,

Wilfred

From: [Andrew Paterson](mailto:Andrew.Paterson@uga.edu)
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: Fwd:
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 1:51:01 PM

It occurs to me as I review the outline that one big gap is genetics of 'food quality' -
- perhaps this might be an area that you and Lloyd could team up on and which
does not get into Ceres stuff that might be sensitive for you ?

Date: Wed, 21 Oct 2009 14:48:10 -0400

To: "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu>
From: Andrew Paterson <paterson@plantbio.uga.edu>
Subject:
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To: [McCutchen Bill](#); [Avant Bob](#); [Schuerman Peter L.](#); [Schmitt Brian C.](#); [Baltensperger David](#); wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: FOLLOW-UP: RD program and FTO questions
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 3:41:58 PM

Peter,

Many thanks for the discussion last week. To follow-up, I've listed crops we covered and confirmed FTO unencumbered by existing agreements. If I'm mistaken on any please let me know.

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Pennisetum

Napiergrass (*Pennisetum purpureum*); biomass, forage

Pearl millet (*Pennisetum glaucum*); biomass, forage

Pearl millet: Napiergrass (*P. glaucum* x *P. purpureum*); biomass, forage

Buffelgrass (*Pennisetum ciliaris*); biomass, forage

Birdwoodgrass (*Pennisetum setigerus*); biomass, forage

Flaccidgrass (*Pennisetum flaccidum*); biomass, forage

Oriental fountaingrass (*Pennisetum orientale*); biomass, forage

Chinese fountaingrass (*Pennisetum alopecuroides*); biomass, forage

Panicum

Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*); biomass

Guineagrass (*Panicum maximum*); biomass, forage

Kleingrass (*Panicum coloratum*); forage

Cynodon

Bermudagrass (*Cynodon dactylon*, *Cynodon transvaalensis*); turf, forage, biomass

Stargrass (*Cynodon aethiopicus*, *C. nlemfuensis*, *C. plectostachyus*); forage, biomass

Poa

Texas x Kentucky Bluegrass (*Poa arachnifera* x *Poa pratensis*); turf [distinct

germplasm from Chandra:Scotts SRA]

Buchloe

Buffalograss (Buchloe dactyloides); turf, forage

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From: bmccutchen@tamu.edu

Sent: Tue, 29 Sep 2009 07:43:29 -0500

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Subject: To Discuss RD program and FTO questions

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Subject: ADDITIONAL FOLLOW-UP: RD program and FTO questions
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 3:45:53 PM

Bill,

To follow-up on potentially less-definitive crops discussed last week, please let me know if the assessments below might need additional clarification or outside counsel.

- 1) Perennial, temperately-adapted, diploid sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* x *Sorghum propinquum*) would fall subject to the CERES agreement.
- 2) Perennial, temperately-adapted, polyploid Columbusgrass (*Sorghum bicolor* x *Sorghum halepense*; *Sorghum bicolor* x *Sorghum alnum*) would not fall subject to the CERES agreement and be open to licensing if internally funded.
- 3) *Miscanthus* (*Miscanthus sinensis*, *Miscanthus sacchariflorus*, *Miscanthus floridulus*, *Miscanthus x giganteus*), *Erianthus* (*Erianthus ravennea*, *Erianthus giganteus*, *Erianthus arundinaceus*), and *Miscanes* (*Miscanthus* spp. x *Sacchariflorus* spp.) would not fall subject to the Chevron agreement if my program's germplasm is distinct and not utilized by the Weslaco center.

Thanks again,

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From: [Owens, Vance](#)
To: [DoKyoung Lee](#); [Rooney, William](#)
Subject: reports
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 3:54:30 PM

DK and Bill:

Will you be able to get your RFP CRP and sorghum reports to me by tomorrow? I need to submit the total report to Jim by tomorrow afternoon if at all possible since I will be out of the office on Friday.

Thanks,

Vance

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From: [Avant, Bob](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: VC Award for Excellence in Research
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 4:35:21 PM

Bill,

As you may know, I have been drafted to nomination you for the Award for Excellence in Research (which I am happy to do). I have been flying by the seat of my pants on the nomination letters, but it would be helpful to have a current vita. Could you get me one as soon as possible. I have to have my part in by the end of the week.

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From: [John L Jifon](#)
To: [Bill L Rooney](#)
Subject: RE: WSLC Sugarcane Breeder FINAL Rankings
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 9:18:47 PM

Bill,
I totally agree with your assessment and will suggest to the rest of the committee that we adopt that approach.
Thanks
John

>>> "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> 10/21/2009 8:57 PM >>>
John:

It is clear that you have two good candidates. I think the committee has identified these two as essentially equal. Under that situation, it is at the prerogative of the resident director to make the decision. I think that you recommend that either is acceptable and forward to Mike to make the decision.

The issue with Collins is not relevant to our considerations.

Regards,

Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: John L Jifon [<mailto:jjjifon@ag.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 4:24 PM
To: Erik Mirkov; Nael El-Hout; Qingyi Yu; C. Wayne Smith; Bill L Rooney
Subject: WSLC Sugarcane Breeder FINAL Rankings

Dear All,
I have summarized the final rankings and comments from everyone (search committee) in the attached document. Unless there is a specific need for us to meet (conference call), then I would suggest that we turn it over to Mike to decide on which candidate(s) to bring back or make an offer to.

There is concern that Kimbeng's family situation may convince him to turn down this position, and that he may not be very serious about the position anyway; my 2 cents on the matter is this: if he is a 1st rank candidate, then we can advise Mike to call him and get a firm commitment before proceeding with a second invitation or potential offer.

Let me know what you think

Thanks
John

From: AGPayroll@ag.tamu.edu
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: New Earnings Statement Available
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 11:05:34 PM

William L Rooney,

Your earnings information for the pay date of 10/23/2009 is currently available on HRConnect at <https://sso.tamus.edu/>

Your funds will not be available until the pay date.

You established or verified this e-mail address when you requested electronic notification. You must initiate any change to this e-mail address via HRConnect (or LeaveTraq, where available).

Should you have questions about your payment or other pay information, please contact your Payroll Office shown below.

Should you have questions about HRConnect or benefit issues, please contact your Human Resources Office shown below.

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From: [Andrew Paterson](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: RE:
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2009 7:47:24 AM

I'll pencil you in ... should I contact Lloyd or will you?

Pick up some *S. propinquum* for me while you are in Indonesia, ok?

Andy:

Thanks for the invitation. I'm interested.

The grain/grain quality option is probably the best option to write on, but we may have limitations there as well.

I'm traveling in Indonesia right now and will not be back until Nov 1. At that time, I'll do some checking into the feasibility of writing on the subject.

Again, thanks for the opportunity.

Regards,

Bill

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Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 1:51 PM
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Subject: Input for 2010 Corn and Grain Sorghum Performance Tests
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2009 9:03:45 AM

This email is being sent by Dr. Jurg Blumenthal and Mr. Dennis Pietsch.

All: The Crop Testing Advisory Committee will meet on November 17, 2009 in conjunction with the Texas Seed Trade Association Meeting at the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort near Bastrop. The Crop Testing Advisory Committee consists of 4 industry individuals as well as representatives from the corn and grain sorghum commodity groups, corn and grain sorghum plant breeders from Texas AgriLife Research, Texas AgriLife Research and Extension representatives. This group will review the 2009 Crop Testing Program and assist in making plans for 2010.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments regarding the Crop Testing Program's locations, costs, etc., please email me with your ideas, thoughts, or suggestions before November 5, 2009. If we receive enough input on certain items, then we can put the item(s) on the agenda for discussion by our group.

We are constantly striving to improve our program and provide the best results possible without sacrificing quality. Anything we can do to enhance the Crop Testing Program will be addressed.

I look forward to receiving any input that you may have. Thanks,

Dennis Pietsch
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From: [Schuerman, Peter L.](#)
To: rjessup@tamu.edu; [McCutchen, Bill](#); [Avant, Bob](#); [Schmitt, Brian C.](#); [Baltensperger, David](#); wlr@tamu.edu; [Hurley, Janie C.](#)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW-UP: RD program and FTO questions
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2009 9:06:04 AM

Russell,

Thanks for this. If none of these are 'sorghums' then there is no restriction due to the Ceres agreement.

The AgriLife agreement with Ceres is the only one that I am aware of that has such a restriction.

-Peter
Sent from 979.571.1816

From: rwjessup@inbox.com <rwjessup@inbox.com>
To: [McCutchen, Bill](#); [Avant, Bob](#); [Schuerman, Peter L.](#); [Schmitt, Brian C.](#); [Baltensperger, David](#); wlr@tamu.edu <wlr@tamu.edu>
Sent: Wed Oct 21 15:40:45 2009
Subject: FOLLOW-UP: RD program and FTO questions

Peter,

Many thanks for the discussion last week. To follow-up, I've listed crops we covered and confirmed FTO unencumbered by existing agreements. If I'm mistaken on any please let me know.

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Pennisetum

Napiergrass (*Pennisetum purpureum*); biomass, forage

Pearl millet (*Pennisetum glaucum*); biomass, forage

Pearl millet: Napiergrass (*P. glaucum* x *P. purpureum*); biomass, forage

Buffelgrass (*Pennisetum ciliaris*); biomass, forage

Birdwoodgrass (*Pennisetum setigerus*); biomass, forage

Flaccidgrass (*Pennisetum flaccidum*); biomass, forage

Oriental fountaingrass (*Pennisetum orientale*); biomass, forage

Chinese fountaingrass (*Pennisetum alopecuroides*); biomass, forage

Panicum

Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*); biomass

Guineagrass (*Panicum maximum*); biomass, forage

Kleingrass (*Panicum coloratum*); forage

Cynodon

Bermudagrass (*Cynodon dactylon*, *Cynodon transvaalensis*); turf, forage, biomass

Stargrass (*Cynodon aethiopicus*, *C. nlemfuensis*, *C. plectostachyus*); forage, biomass

Poa

Texas x Kentucky Bluegrass (*Poa arachnifera* x *Poa pratensis*); turf [distinct germplasm from Chandra:Scotts SRA]

Buchloe

Buffalograss (*Buchloe dactyloides*); turf, forage

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-----Original Message-----

From: bmccutchen@tamu.edu

Sent: Tue, 29 Sep 2009 07:43:29 -0500

To: bavant@tamu.edu, pschuerman@tamu.edu, brian.schmitt@tamu.edu,
dbaltensperger@ag.tamu.edu, wlr@tamu.edu, rjessup@tamu.edu

Subject: To Discuss RD program and FTO questions

When: Monday, October 12, 2009 1:30 PM-2:30 PM (GMT-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada).

Where: 113 Jack K Williams Conference Room

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From: [Carol Rhodes](#)
To: [Bill L. Rooney](#)
Cc: [Roberta Harris](#)
Subject: RE: Early Puff
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2009 9:47:32 AM

I talked with Dr. Baltensperger and he mentioned that using the Chevron \$ (405542) current balance of about \$132K seemed appropriate to him. Is that okay with you? Thanks, cj

>>> "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> 10/21/2009 8:42 PM >>>
Seth:

I have no problem using the Ceres Funds, as long as using those funds DO NOT obligate this equipment (or its use) in any way to Ceres.

That was my concern initially in NOT using those funds. If Carol can make sure that there is no problem, then by all means, please do so.

Regards,

Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Seth C. Murray [mailto:sethmurray@neo.tamu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 11:38 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Re: Early Puff

Bill,

I hope your trip is going well,

The account you suggested does not have any money that can be used for equipment. Carol suggested your CERES money because there is over \$95k for equipment in the two accounts. To create the R doc they will use this, but if you want to change it we can before a P doc is created.

No action is needed, just keeping you in the loop.

Thanks,

Seth

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu>
To: "Seth C. Murray" <sethmurray@neo.tamu.edu>
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2009 5:33:45 PM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: RE: Early Puff

Seth:

Okay, sorry about not getting that done. I'm running around crazy with no time for nothing. I gotta quit this stuff.

I don't have the account numbers with me, but Sonnie Feagely should be able to help you.

I would like to take the funds from the USDA DOE U FL subcontract. The amount is \$8,000. Sonnie, Consider this e-mail authorization.

If you have questions, please send me an e-mail - I should be able to check it again on Tuesday morning early.

Regards,

Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Seth C. Murray [mailto:sethmurray@neo.tamu.edu]

Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2009 11:20 AM

To: Bill Rooney

Subject: Re: Early Puff

I understand you are leaving for Indonesia today or tomorrow. I hope you have a nice trip. I tried to order the machine on Friday but Nancy was out. In case I actually can order this while you are away do you have an account number that I can reference for the R-doc? Less than \$10,000 will definitely help.

Thanks,

Seth

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu>

To: "Seth C. Murray" <sethmurray@neo.tamu.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 5:01:37 PM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central

Subject: RE: Early Puff

Seth:

Glad to hear you were able to squeeze a few dollars out of the College. The real question is now how much do you need from me in order to get the Thermo Anteris?

I've got \$10,000 that I can send if you need it (I shouldn't state it that way should I).

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Seth C. Murray [mailto:sethmurray@neo.tamu.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 6:44 AM

To: Bill Rooney; Tim Herrman

Subject: Re: Early Puff

I meant to save draft and I hit send - I did not mean to insinuate I am not extremely grateful for this

support, because I am - I think allows us to choose between two possibilities.

I do not have the exact figures but basically we have two options. I would say with this PUF money we could afford the Thermo Anteris (~\$60k, what NREL bought two of), which is probably the best dedicated FT-NIR but also about \$20k more for the base machine than option two - which is Perkin-Elmer (~\$40k, I know of no one with this machine currently). The only consideration I have in the less expensive Perkin-Elmer machine is that if there was future interest in transferring calibrations to third world collaborators, this greatly limits this possibility that they can afford the same machine.

Either way the accessories that both of you are interested are available and similar in cost (liquid module - included), fiber optic probe (~\$7500 - if I remember right).

Ordering this - both are on contract - is my number 1 priority for the end of the week if we can.

Thanks,

Seth

----- Original Message -----

From: "Seth C. Murray" <sethmurray@neo.tamu.edu>
To: "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu>, "Tim Herrman" <therrman@tamu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 6:31:52 AM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: Fwd: Early Puff

It is not everything we asked for but it certainly helps.

Thanks,

Seth

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "David Baltensperger" <DBaltensperger@ag.tamu.edu>
To: sethmurray@neo.tamu.edu, "Carol Rhodes" <cj-rhodes@tamu.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2009 5:39:55 PM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: Fwd: RE: Early Puff

Seth,

Congratulations -- hope this helps.

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From: [Rene Clara](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#); [Joan Frederick](#)
Cc: dsulliva@unlnotes.unl.edu
Subject: Re: Invoice from Compatible Technology International
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2009 10:16:52 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Dears,

The extra pieces can be bought locally and they are cheap. More it would be the cost of sending them from US. May be the more important thing is the manual of every mill.

I think that it is better to speak with them to see that they can provide us and then pay the mills.

René Clará V.
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De: Bill Rooney <wlr@tamu.edu>
Para: Rene Clara <reneclara@yahoo.com>; Joan Frederick <jfrederi@unlnotes.unl.edu>
CC: dsulliva@unlnotes.unl.edu
Enviado: mié, octubre 21, 2009 10:09:06 PM
Asunto: RE: Invoice from Compatible Technology International

Rene and Joan:

It is not clear to me if we should pay the invoice. It seems parts are missing, but the mill is functional.

Rene, can you confirm whether or not we should pay the invoice? If we pay the invoice we will not have further ability to obtain the extra parts.

Regards,

Bill

From: Rene Clara [<mailto:reneclara@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 9:59 AM
To: Joan Frederick; wlr@tamu.edu
Cc: dsulliva@unlnotes.unl.edu
Subject: Re: Invoice from Compatible Technology International

Dear Joan,

On your question. Two mills are already in the food laboratory of the CENTA. I asked Mr. Kris, manager of them, who should check them and was informing me. His report is the following one:

"Pieces that normaly come with the shipped mills and did not come with the mills (One wooden and one Ewing) that brought LeAnn Taylor :

Manual

Straight brush

Round brush

Small adjustable nut wrench

Pair of round-hollow washers

Pair of cotter pins

Translucent top cover

The mills came with a pair of new discs, the two helixes and lever for manual operation, everything needed to run.

The pieces mentioned are for cleaning purposes basically.

The pieces not provided are not esencial and can be found here, also because the mills will be kept in CENTA, and are not intended to be donated to other people, there is no real need to have them send.

(The proper axle for the wooden mil was send earlier by CTI)

The wooden mill has already been “motorized” and gave good results. The Ewing will be motorized son.

Atte. Kris"

Regards,

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De: Joan Frederick <jfrederi@unlnotes.unl.edu>
Para: wlr@tamu.edu; reneclara@yahoo.com
CC: dsulliva@unlnotes.unl.edu
Enviado: mar, octubre 20, 2009 1:07:17 PM
Asunto: Fw: Invoice from Compatible Technology International

Bill Rooney and Rene Clara - please approve this invoice before we make any payments.

Have the materials been delivered and are there any problems with the equipment?

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----- Forwarded by Joan Frederick/intpgms/IANR/UNEBr on 10/20/2009 02:05 PM -----

From: Compatible Technology International <bert@compatibletechnology.org>
To: jfrederick1@unl.edu
Cc: bert@compatibletechnology.org, plittlej@tamu.edu
Date: 10/20/2009 01:02 PM
Subject: Invoice from Compatible Technology International

Hi INTSORMIL :

This invoice will cover the Ewing and Wooden grinders that Ms Taylor carried down to El Salvador.

We trust that they are working for the folks at CENTA.

We appreciate working with you and them very much.

Sincerely,

Bert Rivers
Compatible Technology International

To view your invoice

Open the attached PDF file. You must have [Acrobat® Reader®](#) installed to view the attachment.

(See attached file: Inv_081077_from-Compatible.pdf)

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From: [Gary C Peterson](#)
To: [Bill L Rooney](#)
Subject: INTSORMIL IDC
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2009 10:39:48 AM

Bill,

The IDC for winter nursery and South Texas has been received. To what account do you want \$3,500 transferred?

Thanks.

Gary

From: [Charles Simpson](#)
To: [Bill L Rooney](#)
Subject: RE: Letter
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2009 11:20:51 AM

Bill:

Mike Chandler has asked me to work up a nomination for Michael Baring for Research Support for the Vice Chancellor Awards program.

Would you be willing to write a letter of support for Michael for this award? We are working on a short time frame because I leave on the 1st of Nov. for the ASA meetings, and the deadline for submission is Nov. 4, so I must submit by Nov. 31.

Thanks for considering this,
Charlie Simpson

From: [Owens, Vance](#)
To: [Baldwin, Brian](#); [DoKyoung Lee](#); [Owens, Vance](#); [Rooney, William](#); [Voigt, Thomas](#)
Subject: 2010 budgets
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2009 11:35:54 AM

Dear All:

Thanks for getting me your quarterly reports. I am compiling it and should be able to send it to Jim Doolittle soon.

You all received an email a few days ago from Jim D. regarding 2010 budgets where he stated they should be level from last year. Before you start preparing it, I need to go over what this means since you may recall that last year's budgets included some money from 2008 that had not been allocated in 2008. What I'm saying, although I need to double check this, is that level may not mean level with last year exactly. Anybody confused yet?

Thanks,

Vance

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From: [Bhoja Basnet](#)
To: [Bill L Rooney](#)
Subject: Extension request for my assignment due date!
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2009 11:57:29 AM

Dear Dr. Rooney!

Due to my travel out of town for more than a week and having couple of exams immediately after that, I am not able to finish my Assignment of Plant Breeding II on time. So, I hereby humbly request you for the extension of due date of my assignment till next week (Monday, 26th Oct, 2009).

I greatly appreciate for your consideration!

Regards,
Bhoja Basnet

>>> "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> 10/19/09 7:14 PM >>>
Best way is to check with a classmate.

Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Bhoja Basnet [<mailto:bbasnet@ag.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2009 2:14 PM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: Class notes!

Dear Dr. Rooney,

I missed all the classes (4 classes) of Plant Breeding II in the week of Oct 12-Oct 16. So, I am just wondering if I could get the class notes for that week. Though you are not here now, I was curious if there is any way so that I could pick the notes from your office. I would be really grateful to your help.

Thank you!

Regards,
Bhoja Basnet
TAMU

From: [Brummett, Robert G.](#)
To: [Selahattin Aydin](#)
Cc: [Bill Rooney](#); [Brummett, Robert G.](#)
Subject: RE: Material Request Form
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2009 2:33:52 PM

Dr. Aydin,

Thanks for your email and its no bother. Texas A&M AgriLife's Contracts and Grants office is responsible for executing the agreement. I just emailed the assistant director there (Diane Gilliland d-gilliland@tamu.edu) to get an update (and copied you as well). Her office will be handling this now, but feel free to email me anytime as well.

Best regards,
Robert

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From: Selahattin Aydin [mailto:saydin571@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 2:01 PM
To: Brummett, Robert G.; Bill Rooney
Subject: Re: Material Request Form

Dear Mr. Brummett,

I am really sorry for bothering you again, but I am just wondering the status of the material that you are going to send us.
We really need that material as soon as possible. Please let me know when you are going to ship the material to us.

I look forward to hearing from you, best regards...

Selahattin Aydin

On Sun, Sep 13, 2009 at 8:30 PM, Brummett, Robert G. <brummettr@tamu.edu> wrote:

Sorry for the delay on the response.

I've drafted the agreement and my boss is reviewing it. I'll check with her and get you an update.

Best regards,
Robert

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-----Original Message-----

From: Selahattin Aydin [mailto:saydin571@gmail.com]
Sent: Sun 9/13/2009 5:23 AM
To: Brummett, Robert G.
Subject: Re: Material Request Form

Dear Mr. Brummett,

I have send Material Request Form for [REDACTED] If you can please let me know what is the status of request. Because so far we do not get any news from you.

I look forward to hearing from you, best regards...

Selahattin Aydin

On Wed, Aug 12, 2009 at 5:59 PM, Selahattin Aydin <saydin571@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Brummett,

I am so sorry for interrupting you, but I am sending this message to request a material that we need in our mapping project.

The form is attached for requesting the material. At the form I put Yuksel Bolek as contact person. He is the supervisor of the project.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact with me, best regards...

Selahattin Aydin, Ph.D

From: [John Mullet](#)
 To: [Jones, Doug M](#)
 Cc: [Bill Rooney](#); [Bob Avant](#)
 Subject: Re: Life Cycle Analysis for energy sorghum
 Date: Thursday, October 22, 2009 3:46:29 PM

Hi Doug,

Ray and I discussed this earlier and I delayed providing feedback because we were collecting a second year's data that I thought would give more accurate estimates. This second cycle of data collection will be done in about 2-3 weeks and after that I will follow up with the relevant information in consultation with Bill Rooney and Bob Avant.

Thanks,

John

On Oct 22, 2009, at 2:38 PM, Jones, Doug M wrote:

Hello John:

I hope all is well with you today.

In your below email you mentioned data on energy sorghum. For the life cycle analysis Ray Dums is conducting for us he is interested in getting the best approximation for the inputs and outputs for various potential energy crops. If you have some data, or even at this point some reasonable guesses, as to what the inputs and outputs would be on the below table it would be very helpful.

Ray has indicated that estimates for these categories, within the correct order of magnitude, would be useful to him. Feedstock yield, Fuel use during maintenance and harvest, inputs of fertilizers (NPK, though N is most important) and pesticide & herbicide use are of particular interest. If you have data but reported in different units of measure that is OK, as we can transfer them into this format (tons/acre, gallons/acre or ton, etc, are fine). Eventually we would like to get to the point where we have Min, mean, max, but at this point mean or best guess with some indication of variation would be great. We have access to various published data bases, so really what Ray is looking for here is your impressions and/or any preliminary data from studies to date.

		Feedstock Yield (kg/ha)	Lime Applied (kg/ha/yr)	Dolomite Applied (kg/ha/yr)	Diesel (l/kg)	Gasoline (l/kg)	Natural Gas (l/kg)	Electricity (kwh/ha)	Other Emissions (kg CO2-eq/kg)	Synthetic N, kg/kg	Organic N, kg/kg	Non-organic P, kg/kg	Non-organic K, kg/kg	agrochemical production, kg co2-e/kg	agrochemicals used, kg/ha
Feedstock	Level														
Energy Sorghum	Min														
Energy Sorghum	Mean														
Energy Sorghum	Max														

There is not an immediate rush on the data. However if you have some data you can provide please share it with us within the next couple of weeks.

Please let me know should you have questions and thank you for your effort.

Enjoy the rest of your day.

Doug

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From: John Mullet (<mailto:jmullet@tamu.edu>)
 Sent: Monday, October 19, 2009 8:01 AM
 To: Long, Michelle Y. (YLONG) (MYLong)
 Subject: Re: Chevron/Agrilife Quarterly Review in Weslaco

Michelle,

We also enjoyed the discussions - very informative.

Let me know when you want data on energy sorghum and what parameters are of interest for your modeling activity.

Regards,

John

From: [Stelly David](#)
To: [Hodnett George](#); [Russell Jessup](#); [Rooney Bill](#); [Burson Byron](#); [Smith C. Wayne](#); [Seth Murray C.](#); [Gentry Terry](#); [Finlayson Scott](#); [Ibrahim Amir](#); [Undisclosed-recipients](#);
Cc: [Stelly David David M.](#); [David Baltensperger](#)
Subject: Fwd: Updated quote, SVP
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2009 10:12:00 PM

I am arranging an equipment demonstration for a table-top flow cytometer w/ autoloader by Accuri for next Thursday afternoon.

We will set it up at the new AgriGenomics Laboratory at the AFL. I encourage you to prepare a few specimens of known types to run.

George and Matt -- I would like to coordinate closely with you --- so please check with me tomorrow, Friday, if that is convenient.

In addition to inviting you and your labs to participate, if interested, I am going to ask my Cyto class to attend and participate, as well, since this technique should be part of our standard training -- this is quite opportune, since I normally can discuss how it works and is used, it but not have them do their own.

Let me know if you will be wanting to come by, how many might be in your group, and a desirable time slot.

David

Begin forwarded message:

From: Stelly_David <stelly@tamu.edu>
Date: October 22, 2009 9:56:27 PM CDT
To: Ted Young <tyoung@accuricytometers.com>
Cc: Stelly_David <stelly@tamu.edu>
Subject: **Re: Updated quote, SVP**

Let us plan on the afternoon of Thursday Oct 29th, then.

I would like to run samples, as would others I am sure.

Yes, tomorrow morning should work well. I will be in and out some for meeting and such, but should be available generally. Do you have a cell phone? (I do not. -- I am not a luddite, but lost it some time ago and have not replaced it yet --- much to my wife's chagrin)

David

On Oct 22, 2009, at 5:56 PM, Ted Young wrote:

10/29 morning or afternoon would work well.

Do you have samples you would want to analyze during a demo? We only travel with performance verification beads to validate the system is within specifications from a sensitivity and precision.

Would you like to discuss via phone in AM?

Ted

From: Stelly_David [mailto:stelly@tamu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 2:52 PM
To: Ted Young
Cc: Stelly_David
Subject: Re: Updated quote, SVP

Oct 29? I would think so. Afternoon? Demo only? Or Demo and Seminar?

If you send me some descriptive information about who and what will be demo'd, I can advertise it some to bring over others to see the instrument as well. Do you want to give a seminar, or just run demos? For example, a UK company rep team for genomics is coming in the following week for a seminar, and they liked the format where I arranged for pizza to be delivered brought in a lot of graduate students, post-docs and profs. They found the little bit of \$ was good investment for them. I don't recall the exact cost, but I think it was about \$125-\$175 for 15 pizzas, ice, water and softdrinks.

If we do that I need to find an available room, too.

David

On Oct 22, 2009, at 2:47 PM, Ted Young wrote:

Hi David,

Is TH still an option from your schedule perspective?

Best,

Ted

From: Stelly_David [mailto:stelly@tamu.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2009 2:59 PM
To: Ted Young
Cc: Stelly_David
Subject: Re: Updated quote, SVP

THANKS -- I just enter the numbers into the proposal.

Yes -- in fact, I would be willing to devote a graduate class to it if you are interested and can make it on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon.

DS

On Oct 12, 2009, at 4:41 PM, Ted Young wrote:

Hi David,

Please find the 2 quotes attached (both include the \$5K academic discount on the C6)

- 1- 20091022-1: Pre 10/1/09 price increase pricing extended through 11/30/09
- 2- 20091022-2: Post 10/1/09 pricing valid through end of 2009 (this will pricing will apply at a minimum through 6/30/2010)

Let me know if I can supply additional information on the quotes.

We recently hired a Houston based Field Scientist to work with our TX customers and interested parties. We are also planning some TX demos the week of 10/26 if you are interested.

Best,

Ted

From: Stelly_David [mailto:stelly@tamu.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2009 11:17 AM
To: Ted Young
Cc: Stelly_David
Subject: Re: Updated quote, SVP

yes, please
ds

On Oct 12, 2009, at 12:07 PM, Ted Young wrote:

Will get both versions sent to you today, did you want the 2nd year service contract included on the quotes?

Ted

From: Stelly_David [mailto:stelly@tamu.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2009 9:30 AM
To: Ted Young
Cc: Stelly_David
Subject: Re: Updated quote, SVP

Could be either, but probably after 12/01/09. Best to give both, perhaps. If time allows for you to send them today, I can put numbers into the grant proposal. Irrespective of that, I will share them locally, as we are in queue anyway.

Thanks,

David

On Oct 12, 2009, at 11:22 AM, Ted Young wrote:

Hi David,

Will do, would this be for potential purchase pre or post to 12/1/09?

We increased prices on 10/1, but am offering old pricing through 12/1 to those we have previously discussed.

Best,

Ted

From: Stelly_David [mailto:stelly@tamu.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2009 9:11 AM
To: Ted Young
Cc: Stelly_David
Subject: Updated quote, SVP

Ted,

Could you please update this quote with the newest versions and prices, please.

Thanks,

David Stelly

stelly@tamu.edu

O: (979) 845-2745

<Texas A&M University-Stelly-20091012-2.pdf><Texas
A&M University-Stelly-20091012-1.pdf>

From: [Russell Spitz](#)
To: [Rooney, Bill](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Friday, October 23, 2009 7:49:53 AM

Hope your trip went well.

A small firestorm has arisen based on your <http://www.ars.usda.gov/meetings/Sorghum/presentations/Rooney.pdf>, page 3:

Emphasis on Subtropical/Temperature

Environment Means.....the fall/winter season precludes year round production.

Implication: Year round production (just-in-time harvest) is not possible.

Patrick McCroskey, our liaison at TPG (equity provider), said in a conference call Wednesday, October 21st, pointing to this piece and this Section, "Rooney says year round planting doesn't work".

TPG has agreed to meet to discuss and my preference, rather than San Francisco is College Station. What dates are you available ASAP?

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From: [Delroy Collins](#)
To: [Bill](#); [Dennis](#); [Dustin](#); [Juerg](#); [Kerry](#); [Seth](#); [Steve](#)
Subject: spring planting at Weslaco
Date: Friday, October 23, 2009 8:00:57 AM

Hi, I talked to Beto yesterday about the spring planting at Weslaco. At the annex, the sugarcane lab is expanding and the researchers will need more plots/fields. In order to fit our plots into one location, Beto is moving our spring plantings to the Hiler farm. He recommends that any and all ratoon plots be planted together which will benefit the crop rotation management.

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From: [Nelson, Alfred N](#)
To: [Joe Cothren](#); [f-hons](#); [jm-chandler](#); [L Rooney, Bill](#); [p-baumann](#); [Gaylon Morgan](#); [m-baring](#); [cwsmith](#)
Cc: [David Baltensperger](#)
Subject: Re: Chemical storage at Farm Service
Date: Friday, October 23, 2009 11:27:59 AM

The chemical storage area is ready for re-occupation. Please clean the outside of your containers before replacing.
Also, please place any unwanted chemicals on the washrack today as we will be taking a load to Taylor on Monday morning.
Thanks for your help in getting this area re-organized.
Al.

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Alfred N Nelson" <alfred-nelson@neo.tamu.edu>
To: "Joe Cothren" <jcothren@ag.tamu.edu>, "f-hons" <f-hons@tamu.edu>, "jm-chandler" <jm-chandler@tamu.edu>, "L Rooney, Bill" <wlr@tamu.edu>, "p-baumann" <p-baumann@tamu.edu>, "Gaylon Morgan" <GMorgan@ag.tamu.edu>, "m-baring" <m-baring@tamu.edu>, "cwsmith" <cwsmith@tamu.edu>
Cc: "David Baltensperger" <DBaltensperger@ag.tamu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 8:56:56 AM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: Chemical storage at Farm Service

Greetings,

We are going to clean the chemical storage room at Farm Services. If you have chemical containers stored here, please send a representative to remove them by Friday October 16 so we can clean the walls and floors next week.

In conjunction with this, we will be taking unwanted pesticides to the waste disposal event in Taylor on Oct. 26. Please place unwanted containers in the wash rack area and write 'dispose' on the jugs. Please have your representative contact Chooch, Donald, or I for instructions on where to temporarily store your chemicals. We will have trailers available.

Thanks for your help on this matter,

Al

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From: [Hurley, Janie C.](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: RE: FW: Request for Approval - TAMUS 2741-2746
Date: Friday, October 23, 2009 2:40:38 PM

Dr. Rooney,

Sorry to bother you again, but Cleanergy is anxious to get this license in place. Again, they proposed taking all 6 lines. Please let me know if you want to provide them with a summary of your recent findings, or proceed to let them trial all 6.

Thanks much,
Janie

Janie C. Hurley, MBA
Sr. Licensing Manager

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From: Hurley, Janie C.
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 3:29 PM
To: 'Bill Rooney'
Cc: Schuerman, Peter L.
Subject: RE: FW: Request for Approval - TAMUS 2741-2746

Hi Dr. Rooney,

Thanks for letting me know. Do you have a summary prepared for the characteristics for each line, including this new data? I assume that you believe these weaknesses are such that they would not even be useful for breeding purposes?

Thanks much,
Janie

From: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2009 12:49 PM
To: Holland, L. Diane
Cc: Baltensperger, David; McCutchen, Bill; Hurley, Janie C.; 'Steve Brown'
Subject: RE: FW: Request for Approval - TAMUS 2741-2746

Diane:

Sorry for the delay; too many other things to do and not enough time for anything.

I haven't approved this distribution because things have changed with these lines. When they were originally distributed we had very little data to discriminate amongst them; hence, we made them all available. Now, two growing seasons later, we have quite a bit more data and the more recent data is clear that certain lines are better than others and that some of them have pretty significant weaknesses. These weaknesses are such that, now that we know about them, I would not feel right sending these lines to someone with licensing and fee expectations.

There are two lines in this set of six that are worthy of testing and licensing. I think the prudent approach is license those lines; if Cleanergy would like the others, knowing their weaknesses, then they could have them as negotiated between the groups.

I've copied Janie and Bill M. on this because they were not aware of the situation.
Regards,

Bill

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Chair, Plant Release Committee
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From: Holland, L. Diane [mailto:DHolland@tamu.edu]
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2009 1:32 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: FW: FW: Request for Approval - TAMUS 2741-2746

From: Lloyd Rooney [mailto:lrooney@tamu.edu]
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2009 1:24 PM
To: Holland, L. Diane
Subject: Re: FW: Request for Approval - TAMUS 2741-2746

Hello; I think this should go to Bill Rooney not to me. I am forwarding to him as well . lwr

>>> "Holland, L. Diane" <DHolland@tamu.edu> 9/25/2009 11:57 AM >>>
Dear Lloyd, David, and Bill,

I have received approval on the License Agreement TAMUS 2741-2746 from Steve and Warren. Could each of you email me your reply?

Thanks!
Diane

From: Holland, L. Diane
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2009 3:15 PM
To: 'Lloyd Rooney'; Baltensperger, David; 'Steve Brown'; McCutchen, Bill; DeLuca, Warren
Cc: Slovacek, Jackie; Lawson, Caroline; Hurley, Janie C.
Subject: Request for Approval - TAMUS 2741-2746
Importance: High

Gentlemen<

Attached for your consideration and approval is a draft of a proposed Non-exclusive License Agreement between Cleanergy Seeds Ltd. and The Texas A&M University System. Also attached is a brief summarizing the terms of the Agreement, and an approval form. If the Agreement is acceptable as written, please indicate your approval with an email response copying everyone on this email. In the interest of time, we are doing this routing approval via email. I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Best Regards,

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From: [Larry Lambright](mailto:lamb@swbell.net)
To: bill.lyles@suddenlink.net
Cc: [Kenneth Davenport](mailto:wlr@tamu.edu); wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: RE: Seed Request for Chromatin - Grain Sorghums
Date: Friday, October 23, 2009 2:57:01 PM

Bill,

Based on our conversation earlier this week I have put together a preliminary list of grain sorghum inbreds for which Chromatin has interest in obtaining pending data from the trials at Friona.

Those entries include:

From the 2009 ADFH trial

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Upon gaining access to data from these trials, we may choose to scale back this list to some degree.

Best regards,
Larry

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From: Larry Lambright [mailto:lelamb@swbell.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 2:38 PM
To: 'bill.lyles@suddenlink.net'; 'wlr@tamu.edu'
Cc: Kenneth Davenport (kdavenport@chromatininc.com)
Subject: Seed Request for Chromatin

Bill & Bill,

Based on the sweet sorghum and forage sorghum data you supplied as well as my visit to your trial site at Halfway, I would like to request the following inbreds for Chromatin:

Sweet Sorghums

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

When documents are in order and you are ready to dispatch the seed, please send this request to the following address:

Chromatin, Inc.
Rt.1, Box 63-2
951 FM 2301
Lockney, TX. 79241

Thanks in advance for your help.

Best regards,
Larry

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From: [Gary C. Peterson](#)
To: [Delroy Collins](#); [Bill L. Rooney](#)
Subject: PR plot numbers
Date: Friday, October 23, 2009 4:05:32 PM

My nursery this year use plot numbers 1-500. Additionally there will be 200 plots for Rob Aiken (hopefully number 501-700).

From: [Bartek, Matthew Scott](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, October 23, 2009 5:29:01 PM

Dr. Rooney,
Hope all is well in Indonesia. I had a quick question [REDACTED] Does the [REDACTED] that we planted in CS this year have CMS or just ms3? Also, I was trying to track the pedigree of [REDACTED] (which is the iap material that I am planting in the greenhouse) but cannot find where it has been used since then. I checked the PR and CS field book for 08 but cannot see that it was used. I understand that this may have to wait until you get back.

Matt

From: helpline@ornl.gov
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: XCAMS Password Renewal for sorghumboy
Date: Sunday, October 25, 2009 3:36:16 PM

Hello wlr@tamu.edu:

This message was sent to you on 10/25/2009 at 16:36:11 EDT because your password has expired for username [REDACTED] in XCAMS.

To re-activate your account, please follow the link in this email and complete the password renewal process. You must complete the renewal process within one year. Your confirmation number is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thank you,
XCAMS

From: [Spanninga, Annet AJ \(ELS-AMS\)](#)
To: [undisclosed-recipients:](#)
Subject: FIELD CROPS RESEARCH boardmembers - invitation for dinner during the ACS meeting in Pittsburgh, PA on 3 November 2009
Date: Monday, October 26, 2009 9:29:31 AM
Importance: High

Message to all Editorial Board Members of FIELD CROPS RESEARCH

Dear all,

I am attending the ACS meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, USA and have scheduled a dinner meeting with Editor-in-Chief Chris van Kessel on

Tuesday 3 November at 6pm. In view of this, we would hereby like to invite all boardmembers who are free to join us, for this informal get together.

Could you please let me know, **by 29 October at latest**, if you will be attending the ACS and if you would like to join us for dinner on

3 November at 6pm. *Please c.c. me in on your response* u.culligan@elsevier.com

For your information, Elsevier will have a stand at the exhibit (booth nr. 2018). I suggest we gather at the booth and proceed from there.

Many thanks and regards,

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From: [Borden, Dustin Ross](#)
To: [bill ronney](#); [Delroy Collins](#)
Subject: Moving Flats Around
Date: Monday, October 26, 2009 9:41:03 AM

Dr. Rooney and Delroy

I counted the number of flats we have filled from this year and the number of spaces we have. It looks like we have enough room for this years CS and Weslaco without having to throw any more out.

106 flats from CS.

148 spots open.

Leaves 42 for Weslaco and PR.

We still need to thresh the crosses made from the front of 102, but I don't think that this will take up much room and can be combined with another flat.

Let me know if you think we have enough spaces open so that I can get the student workers going on moving things around.

Thanks

Dustin

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From: [Vilma Ruth Calderon](#)
To: [Lloyd Rooney](#); [Bill Rooney](#)
Cc: [Kris Duville](#); [Rene Clara](#)
Subject: project activities updated
Date: Monday, October 26, 2009 10:57:32 AM

Dr Rooney

Resuming the activities we had this last months to include in your reports:

- We had three more workshops. One for the mechanical industry and other attendees from food industries to show the Omega mills prototypes (wood, ewing mill, and methal mills) the mills have bank and motor adapted already). The other workshop was for rural bakeries. We had 21 attendees from different part of the country. We had one more workshop with extension technicians from Region I of El Salvador and some farmers also. If you need pictures from this workshops i can send you some.

- We already have a omega mill distributor for El Salvador. His name is Lic Miranda. Kris helped to find the right person. He was e-mailing and making phone calls to different places . Lic Miranda is really interested in selling the omega VI mills. Kris have his information in case you need it. He is in contact with LeAnn.

_ Also we got the farmer to farmer propossal aproved and we are going to start next february working in this project. Is Elliana Pinilla still going to El Salvador ? Ricardo Auerbach is ok with her?

_ Cubans are coming next january 2010 to receive the sorghum processing short course. They sent a letter to our new Director Dr. Rene Rivera and he approved it. They are ready to come with visa and everything.

_ I continue working with Pablo Anliker and Ascoparsal Bakers. They are working in a big project is a baking proccesing plant . They went to Mexico to buy wheat flour to prepare some premixes with sorghum flour. The premixes they are selling are 50% sorghum and 25% sorghum . They are selling sorghum products also.

- Tomorrow they will have also a farmer market and Lily will demonstrate how to use sorghum flour for the public .

When are you planning to visit us? Is Dr. Bill Rooney visiting El Salvador December? We have new Director , so it would be interesting if you meet him.

Vilma Ruth

--- On **Mon, 10/26/09, Lloyd Rooney** <lrooney@tamu.edu> wrote:

From: Lloyd Rooney <lrooney@tamu.edu>
Subject: Re: how are you
To: "Vilma Ruth Calderon" <vilmaruth02@yahoo.com>
Date: Monday, October 26, 2009, 8:21 AM

Vilma: Can you send me any additional info on the Salvador progress as I need to use it in putting together a report for my project and also Bill will need info for the CA report. I think I have most of the info except for the last two months or so. The Cubans are definitely coming in Jan? That will be great. Dr Rosenow passed away after a two month illness and Borlaug had a memorial service here at TAMU which was nice. We are quite busy. BEST LWr

>>> Vilma Ruth Calderon <vilmaruth02@yahoo.com> 10/26/2009 9:07 AM

>>>

Hi Dr Rooney

How are you? I'm in Kentucky right now . I'll be here until december 18. So I'll be working at CENTA until January. They changed the dates for my program so, i had to re-arrange everything in the lab, for example the cubans are going to El Salvador in January for the sorghum short course but Kris is in charge of the project activities right now. How is everything for you in the lab? . I heard that you were out of town. The program here is very good. Im taking classes of my interest also like food sanitation and quality during processing.

take care

Vilma Ruth Calderon de Zacatares

From: [Thomas, Steven](mailto:Thomas.Steven)
To: rpanex@iastate.edu; rnelson@ksu.edu; Jane.johnson@ars.usda.gov; Gary.Varvel@ars.usda.gov; bbaldwin@pss.msstate.edu; bransdi@auburn.edu; kgravois@agcenter.lsu.edu; brummer@uga.edu; trials@utk.edu; vance.owens@sdstate.edu; tvoigt@uiuc.edu; wlr@tamu.edu; kjmoore@iastate.edu; jfike@vt.edu; heaton@iastate.edu; lbs33@cornell.edu; brian.stanton@gwrglobal.com; Jeff.Pedersen@ars.usda.gov; Edward.Richard@ars.usda.gov
Cc: arvid.boe@sdstate.edu; kevin.kephart@sdstate.edu; James.Doolittle@sdstate.edu; Denichiro.Otsuga@sdstate.edu
Subject: SunGrant and Steve Thomas
Date: Monday, October 26, 2009 11:06:58 AM

All,

Please pardon the mass email, but I wanted to make sure that I contacted each of you prior to the Agronomy meetings in Pittsburgh next week. As some of you already know, I am no longer employed by Ceres, but have taken a new position with DOE's Golden Field Office in Colorado. In my new capacity as a Project Officer, I will be involved with SunGrant and other biomass feedstock-related activities. I am very much looking forward to interacting with you all in this regard over the next several years. It is with this in mind that I was hoping to be able to get together with some of you in Pittsburgh next week, so that I can begin to familiarize myself with all of the ongoing and new SunGrant efforts. I was also hoping to be able to impose on those SunGrant PIs who I already know to introduce me to the many other PIs who may be in Pittsburgh next week, and who I have not yet met.

I have included my new contact information below. Please feel free to forward this information to anyone who might want to know where I disappeared to.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Pittsburgh.

Best regards, Steve

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From: [Nilesh Dighe](#)
To: [Ed Wolfrum](#)
Cc: [Bill Rooney](#); [leohjr](#)
Subject: Re: Scans for predictions
Date: Monday, October 26, 2009 11:30:50 AM

Ed-

I know you must be very busy and so thought to remind you of the scans that I sent you for predictions, last week. It will be really helpful if you could have the predictions to us sometime this week (earlier the better) in order for us get things ready for the winter nursery planting in Puerto Rico.

Thanks.
Nilesh

----- Original Message -----

From: "Nilesh Dighe" <nileshdighe@neo.tamu.edu>
To: "Ed Wolfrum" <Ed.Wolfrum@nrel.gov>
Cc: "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu>, "leohjr" <leohjr@tamu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2009 6:52:34 PM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: Scans for predictions

Ed-

Attached file includes scans for the samples that we like to have early predictions. We certainly appreciate your time in processing these samples for us.

Regards,
Nilesh

From: [Babitha Jampala](#)
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: [REDACTED] harvested by your group
Date: Monday, October 26, 2009 12:17:37 PM

Hi Dr Rooney

I took the seeds of [REDACTED] lines that were harvested and threshed in your lab by your students. I asked Dustin and took them to our lab. Dr Hays may need just part of those seed to send them for analysis to Kansas, but let me know If you need any of those seed so that I can bring back the leftover seed to your lab.

Thanks

Babitha

From: [Pfeiffer, Todd](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Cc: [Barrett, Michael](#); [Burks, Payne](#)
Subject: Sorghum energy biomass project
Date: Monday, October 26, 2009 2:06:17 PM

Bill,

I'm now serving as the department chair for Plant and Soil Sciences at UK. As such I'll be pulling back from the sorghum energy research. The work on the project at Kentucky has continued this summer and will continue the next two years. Dr. Michael Barrett has agreed to conduct this research and manage the project. The work continued this summer under the capable oversight and management of Dr. Thomas Stefaniak working with Dr. Barrett. Do we need to follow a specific procedure to get Dr. Barrett listed as the PI at Kentucky and to get him access to the ORNL web site?

Morris sends his regards.

Thanks,

Todd Pfeiffer
859-257-5020

From: [Simpson, Shay](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Cc: [Baltensperger, David](#); [Avant, Bob](#)
Subject: FW: Introduction
Date: Monday, October 26, 2009 2:45:23 PM

Bill:

Wayne Simmons with SunDrop Fuels wants to hear about our Sorghum and Energy crop program. I am setting up a meeting for this Friday (Oct. 30) from 8:30 to 10:30 am. I hear you are in Indonesia and maybe back by the end of the week. If you are not available, would you suggest someone to give your usual presentation?

Thanks,
Shay

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From: Avant, Bob
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 8:16 AM
To: Wayne Simmons; Simpson, Shay
Cc: Spencer Swayze; McCutchen, Bill
Subject: Re: Introduction

We are both traveling on the 30th, but I will be happy to set up meeting. Shay Simpson is our Associate Director and will coordinate the meeting.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 16, 2009, at 7:50 AM, "Wayne Simmons" <Wayne.Simmons@sundropfuels.com> wrote:

Bob, Bill

It is a pleasure to meet you both. In addition to high biomass sorgham, I am generally interested in your perspective on all "energy" crops, switchgrass, etc.

Best regards,
Wayne

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 15, 2009, at 5:14 PM, "Spencer Swayze" <sswayze@ceres.net> wrote:

Bob/Bill,

I want to introduce you to Wayne Simmons (copied). Wayne is a Texas A&M graduate and is the CEO of SunDrop Fuels. He will be in College

Station on October 30th and would like to learn more about sorghum. Jeff Gwyn will be out of the country and I will not be available to travel to College Station on that day, so I thought the two of you might be interested in meeting with him to tell him more about your programs in bioenergy/biofuels with an emphasis on sorghum. I have copied Wayne and suggest that you follow-up to schedule a meeting if you are available. If possible, we may be able to schedule a facility tour of the Ceres CSRC in conjunction with your meetings. Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions. I will let Wayne follow-up to tell you more about SunDrop Fuels.

Best regards,

Spencer Swayze

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From: [Tim Trop](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: Maui trip
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 12:03:06 AM

Bill

Can you give me the next three days you have open to come to Maui to see the HCS fields so I can try to jump start this project?

Tim Trop

Btw Chris Cogburn was very helpful, thanks

From: [Geraldo Eugenio](#)
To: wlr@tamu.edu; paula@sede.embrapa.br
Subject: Visit to Texas A&M University
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 5:20:33 AM

Dear Bill,

I will on be in Washington during Nov 17 and 18. I am planning to pay a visit to the Texas A&M, probably from Nov 19 to Nov 21. I am asking you, if you woul be at College Station at this time, to send me an invitation letter for the visit at Texas A&M.

It is necessary for us to proceed with the travel arrangements.

If will be not at College Station, please ask Dr. Rooney ou Dr. Sam Feagley to prepare this invitation.

Sincerely Yours.

Jose Geraldo Eugenio de França

Embrapa - Executive Director

From: [Borden, Dustin Ross](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Cc: [Delroy Collins](#)
Subject: Re: Moving Flats Around
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 9:12:12 AM

Dr. Rooney

Dr. Vietor is doing a run-off study and has inquired about getting seed of either a sweet sorghum or bioenergy sorghum that has been released or produce recently. I was thinking of giving him the hybrid that we produced, but I wanted to check with you first. Let me know what you think. He only needs 100g, and said that he will only be growing them for around 6 weeks.

Dustin

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu>
To: "Dustin Ross' Borden" <dborden@neo.tamu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 8:16:48 AM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: RE: Moving Flats Around

Sounds good. Move'm

Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Borden, Dustin Ross [<mailto:dborden@neo.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2009 9:41 AM
To: bill ronney; Delroy Collins
Subject: Moving Flats Around

Dr. Rooney and Delroy

I counted the number of flats we have filled from this year and the number of spaces we have. It looks like we have enough room for this years CS and Weslaco without having to throw any more out.

106 flats from CS.

148 spots open.

Leaves 42 for Weslaco and PR.

We still need to thresh the crosses made from the front of 102, but I don't think that this will take up much room and can be combined with another flat.

Let me know if you think we have enough spaces open so that I can get the student workers going on

moving things around.

Thanks

Dustin

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From: [Russell Spitz](#)
To: "[Bill Rooney](#)"
Subject: FW:
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 11:45:55 AM

Can you provide any response or should we discuss next Monday after you return.

Russell W. Spitz

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From: McCroskey, Patrick [mailto:PMcCroskey@tpg.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 12:37 PM
To: Russell Spitz
Cc: Mogote, Paul
Subject: RE:

Russell,

We have continued to evaluate the information you have provided but I must admit we are not confident about the productivity that can be expected in Florida. This is probably the main area of concern at this point and we simply haven't seen any direct data to support the claims. Without actual field trial data in the regions of interest there is always going to be a performance risk. We have reached out to several of our ag consultants to try and resolve this issue. I am not confident they will be able to remove our concerns but I will wait until we have their feedback. I do not want to schedule the meeting with Dr. Rooney until we have this feedback.

I appreciate the enormous amount of effort you have put into this opportunity and the amount of information you have shared with us to date. I know you have asked us to comment on items and we have not done so primarily as they are not the key drivers in our decision process. If this were a straight venture investment, the risks we are talking about can be addressed. However, for a private equity type investment, technology risk (which includes ag performance) is not typically something we would take as part of an investment.

Patrick

From: Russell Spitz [mailto:rs@visionpowersystems.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 7:26 AM
To: McCroskey, Patrick
Cc: Mogote, Paul
Subject: Re:

Just heard from Bill Rooney who is still out of the country and returning on Saturday that he would be available either Friday, November 6th or Monday, November 9th in College Station. What day works best for you and we will lock down the day and time convenient to your travel schedules.

He also set forth that the presentation that he made, that you raised in our telephone conversation, was directed at the Midwest and he would be very happy to discuss in great detail, Vision's Florida locations.

Vision has provided TPG very detailed cost of sales information with extensive supporting documentation that clearly verifies Vision's cost structure.

The Economic Research Service of the USDA, the EPA and Texas A&M's "Economic Feasibility of Ethanol Production" collaborate Vision's cost structure.

Vision further documented that if additional land was required to ensure yields in the winter months, that would not have a negative impact on Vision's cash flow but rather, in fact, total net cash flow would increase.

In addition, this past June, in response to your question as to "what if an act of God destroyed an entire crop", Vision demonstrated in detail the project was still cash flow positive with a 32% return to TPG.

On top of all of the above and although you have declined to address it to date, the unchallengeable fact is that TPG's \$50 million investment per plant, if so elected by TPG, is 100% collateralized by the US Government via the Grant Provision of the Stimulus Package.

Patrick, please carve out the time to review Vision's cost information so with a successful meeting with Bill Rooney we may move forward and take advantage of Vision's business plan rollout.

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From: [mohan.gowda](#)
To: [bill.payne](#); [Dr.Bill.Rooney](#)
Cc: [John.Mullet](#); [Seth.Murray](#); [Maria.Balota](#)
Subject: Prelim"s exam-schedule
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 1:15:26 PM

Dr.Payne and Dr.Rooney,

I did contacted all the members of my committee regarding schedule for my prelims exam and here is the final schedule for written and oral.

Written Exam schedule:

Nov 9th, Dr.Rooney's exam

Nov 10th , Dr.Mullet

Nov 11th Dr.Balota

Nov 12th Dr.Payne and

Nov 13th Dr.Murray

Oral exam: Nov 23rd, 10.00 am.

Dr.Payne, there is little change in date with respect your written exam. Instead of Nov 13th, that we scheduled in our earlier meeting, I'm planning to write it on Nov 12th. This is for your kind information.

Thanks

Mohan

From: [Delroy Collins](#)
To: [Bill](#)
Subject: 09CS inv
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 1:32:28 PM

Bill, I thought the threshing and inventorying were completed for 09CS, but we found more (FORO and GWO) to thresh. So, the 09CS files that I place on your computer desktop have been removed. There are some bags with 40,000's crosses hanging in the grinding room. These are your crosses from field 102. Do we hand thresh them and include them into the flat that already has some 40,000's crosses?

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From: [Hale, Anna](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: Crop Science
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 2:58:32 PM

Bill-
Any news from Crop Science?

I really enjoyed my trip to College Station. Whatever happens, it was a good experience. Thanks for inviting me to interview.

Anna

From: [Gil Ronen \(NRGene\)](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: sorghum-sugarcane compatible tech
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 4:14:50 PM

Hi Bill

Tried calling you and found out you are in Indonesia...

I start consulting a large, multinational ag-chemical company.
To my surprise, they are unaware of your sorghum-sugarcane, sorghum-corn,
interspecies compatible mutant/technology.

I am meeting them again in 1-2 weeks from now, I would like to know whether
TAMU is already engaged to someone regarding this technology. If not, could you
send me please a non-confidential presentation of the technology.

Best

Gil Ronen (Israel)

From: [Barrett, Michael](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#); [Pfeiffer, Todd](#)
Cc: "[Burks, Payne](#) "
Subject: RE: Sorghum energy biomass project
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 6:53:19 AM

Thanks Bill - since Todd took over as chair when I stepped down, I thought this was a great trade.
Mike

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From: Bill Rooney [wlr@tamu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 11:21 PM
To: Pfeiffer, Todd; Barrett, Michael
Cc: 'Burks, Payne '
Subject: RE: Sorghum energy biomass project

Todd and Mike:

Thanks for the update. Todd, congratulations (I think) on department chair. Mike, thanks for taking over the project.

As for making the changes official with the Regional Feedstock Partnership, we've got some time. The budgets for 2010 are in the discussion phase. We will probably ask for budgets and work plans from each subcontractor (ie, UK) in January. At that time, Michael will be the submitting PI and we will change the PI at that time.

In my database and for standard work, I'll make Michael my point of contact going forward effective immediately (unless you tell me otherwise).

Regards,

Bill

From: Pfeiffer, Todd [<mailto:tpfeiffe@email.uky.edu>]
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2009 2:06 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Cc: Barrett, Michael; Burks, Payne
Subject: Sorghum energy biomass project

Bill,

I'm now serving as the department chair for Plant and Soil Sciences at UK. As such I'll be pulling back from the sorghum energy research. The work on the project at Kentucky has continued this summer and will continue the next two years. Dr. Michael Barrett has agreed to conduct this research and manage the project. The work continued this summer under the capable oversight and management of Dr. Thomas Stefaniak working with Dr. Barrett. Do we need to follow a specific procedure to get Dr. Barrett listed as the PI at Kentucky and to get him access to the ORNL web site?

Morris sends his regards.
Thanks,

Todd Pfeiffer

859-257-5020

From: [Russell Spitz](#)
 To: [Raoney, Bill](#)
 Subject: Re:
 Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 7:28:01 AM

Sorry to be such a pest, I have sent the following to Patrick at TPG.

Do you have a response and/or can we talk on Monday?

	Yields/Acre	
	Winter/Spring	Summer/Fall
	25-35	40-60
Use Low	25	40
Vision Row Spacing +25%	31	50
Breeding & GE +5%/Y		
Year 1	32.55	52.50
Year 2	34.18	55.10
Year 3	35.89	57.88
Year 4	37.68	60.78
Year 5	39.57	63.81

Month of Harvest	Worst Case Scenarios	
	Yield/T/A	Yield/T/A
	1	2
January	30	0
February	25	0
March	25	0
April	30	30
May	40	40
June	45	45
July	45	45
August	45	45
September	45	45
October	45	45
November	45	45
December	40	40

1. At \$70/B crude TPG's return is 62% per year.
2. At \$70/B crude TPG's return is 32% per year.

Vision has mitigated TPG's risks.

When can we talk?

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From: [Avant, Bob](#)
To: [Stelly, David](#)
Cc: [Bill Rooney](#); [McCutchen, Bill](#); [Mullet, John E.](#); [Baltensperger, David](#); [Simpson, Shay](#); ahelms@tamu.edu
Subject: RE: ARPA-E
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 8:48:05 AM

They indicated that they might be on another submittal, but not that it was this closely tied. It is unfortunate that we weren't included on a joint proposal with Ceres especially since we included them on the DARPA proposal>

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From: Stelly_David [mailto:stelly@tamu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 8:24 AM
To: Avant, Bob
Cc: Stelly_David; Bill Rooney; McCutchen, Bill; Mullet, John E.; Baltensperger, David; Simpson, Shay; ahelms@tamu.edu
Subject: Re: ARPA-E

Funding level (all funded ones are <\$10M)? (ours was maybe too comprehensive?) (Did CERES divulge the fact that they were competing, ..., and how we might complement their effort? If not acknowledged in our proposal, we might have looked pretty dumb.)

David

On Oct 28, 2009, at 8:03 AM, Avant, Bob wrote:

Attached are the ARPA-E awards. Ceres got [REDACTED] for "genes that enable energy crops to produce more biomass"! There are several other interesting awards is enzyme conversion and pyrolysis. After looking at this, I would like to know why our WH white paper wasn't competitive?

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From: [Vilma Ruth Calderon](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: Re: project activities updated
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 9:33:38 AM

Hi Dr Rooney

i hope you are doing ok. About your question i didn't get any extra yet.
Good luck

Vilma

From: Bill Rooney <wlr@tamu.edu>
To: Vilma Ruth Calderon <vilmaruth02@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tue, October 27, 2009 7:54:41 PM
Subject: RE: project activities updated

Vilma:

Have you gotten any supplemental payment yet (as we discussed in August)?

I'm traveling now, but if you'll get me an answer, I'll check on it when I get back next week.

Regards,

Bill

From: Vilma Ruth Calderon [mailto:vilmaruth02@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2009 10:57 AM
To: Lloyd Rooney; Bill Rooney
Cc: Kris Duville; Rene Clara
Subject: project activities updated

Dr Rooney

Resuming the activities we had this last months to include in your reports:

- We had tree more workshops. One for the mechanical industry and other attendees from food industries to show the Omega mills prototypes (wood, ewing mill, and methal mills) the mills have bank and motor adapted already). The other workshop was for rural bakeries. We had 21 attendes from different part of the country.
We had one more workshop with extension technicians from Region I of El Salvador and some farmers also. If you need pictures from this workshops i can send you some.

- We already have a omega mill distributor for El Salvador. His name is Lic Miranda. Kris helped to find the right person. He was e-mailing and making phone calls to different

places . Lic Miranda is really interested in selling the omega VI mills. Kris have his information in case you need it. He is in contact with LeAnn.

_ Also we got the farmer to farmer proposal aproved and we are going to start next february working in this project. Is Elliana Pinilla still going to El Salvador ? Ricardo Auerbach is ok with her?

_ Cubans are coming next january 2010 to receive the sorghum processing short course. They sent a letter to our new Director Dr. Rene Rivera and he approved it. They are ready to come with visa and everything.

_ I continue working with Pablo Anliker and Ascoparsal Bakers. They are working in a big project is a baking proccesing plant . They went to Mexico to buy wheat flour to prepare some premixes with sorghum flour. The premixes they are selling are 50% sorghum and 25% sorghum . They are selling sorghum products also.

- Tomorrow they will have also a farmer market and Lily will demonstrate how to use sorghum flour for the public .

When are you planning to visit us? Is Dr. Bill Rooney visiting El Salvador December? We have new Director , so it would be interesting if you meet him.

Vilma Ruth

--- On **Mon, 10/26/09**, **Lloyd Rooney** <lrooney@tamu.edu> wrote:

From: Lloyd Rooney <lrooney@tamu.edu>
Subject: Re: how are you
To: "Vilma Ruth Calderon" <vilmaruth02@yahoo.com>
Date: Monday, October 26, 2009, 8:21 AM

Vilma: Can you send me any additional info on the Salvador progress as I need to use it in putting together a report for my project and also Bill will need info for the CA report. I think I have most of the info except for the last two months or so. The Cubans are definitely coming in Jan? That will be great. Dr Rosenow passed away after a two month illness and Borlaug had a memorial service here at TAMU which was nice. We are quite busy. BEST LWr

>>> Vilma Ruth Calderon <vilmaruth02@yahoo.com> 10/26/2009 9:07 AM >>>
Hi Dr Rooney

How are you? I'm in Kentucky right now . I'll be here until december 18. So I'll be working at CENTA until January. They changed the dates for my program so, i had to re-arrange everything in the lab, for example the cubans are going to El Salvador in January for the sorghum short course but Kris is in charge of the project activities right now. How is everything for you in the lab? . I heard that you were out of town. The program here is very good. Im taking classes of my interest also like food sanitation and quality during processing.

take care

Vilma Ruth Calderon de Zacatares

From: [Vilma Ruth Calderon](#)
To: [Joan Frederick](#); [Bill Rooney](#)
Cc: [Rene Clara](#); [Kris Duville](#)
Subject: ewing and wood mill invoice.
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 9:38:16 AM

Hi Joan, how are you?

Please proceed to pay the mills. The parts that are missing are not necessary for the mills to operate. We can buy locally and they are just for cleaning purposes. We are going to ask for the Manuals.

best regards

Vilma Ruth

From: Rene Clara <reneclara@yahoo.com>
To: Vilma Ruth Calderon <vilmaruth02@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tue, October 27, 2009 7:29:19 PM
Subject: Rv: Invoice from Compatible Technology International

From: [Connie Currin](#)
To: [Bill L Rooney](#)
Cc: [Stacy Ferrell](#)
Subject: LF Copy of Invoice South Dakota State University
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 9:40:34 AM

An invoice has been completed and a copy for your records is now located in Laserfiche. You can access this document by going to 4.7.11.2 and search by TAES or TCE and your department.

This document is saved under account number: 503884 as: R084585

If you do not have access to Laserfiche at this time please contact your departmental business office for assistance.

This document is for your reference only, therefore no response to this email is necessary. If you have any questions concerning this invoice please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Connie Currin & Carol Towns
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From: [Thomas, Steven](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: RE: SunGrant and Steve Thomas
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 11:05:22 AM

Thanks, Bill. Probably see you somewhere else fairly soon. Snowin' big time here today. It doesn't do this in southern California....

Cheers, Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Rooney [<mailto:wlr@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 7:50 AM
To: Thomas, Steven
Subject: RE: SunGrant and Steve Thomas

Steve:

Thanks for the message, I'm not going to be in Pittsburgh, but you know what I do.

Regards,

Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas, Steven [<mailto:steven.thomas@go.doe.gov>]
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2009 11:07 AM
To: rpanex@iastate.edu; rnelson@ksu.edu; Jane.johnson@ars.usda.gov; Gary.Varvel@ars.usda.gov; bbaldwin@pss.msstate.edu; bransdi@auburn.edu; kgravois@agcenter.lsu.edu; brummer@uga.edu; trials@utk.edu; vance.owens@sdstate.edu; tvoigt@uiuc.edu; wlr@tamu.edu; kjmoore@iastate.edu; jfike@vt.edu; heaton@iastate.edu; lbs33@cornell.edu; brian.stanton@gwrglobal.com; Jeff.Pedersen@ars.usda.gov; Edward.Richard@ars.usda.gov
Cc: arvid.boe@sdstate.edu; kevin.kephart@sdstate.edu; James.Doolittle@sdstate.edu; Denichiro.Otsuga@sdstate.edu
Subject: SunGrant and Steve Thomas

All,

Please pardon the mass email, but I wanted to make sure that I contacted each of you prior to the Agronomy meetings in Pittsburgh next week. As some of you already know, I am no longer employed by Ceres, but have taken a new position with DOE's Golden Field Office in Colorado. In my new capacity as a Project Officer, I will be involved with SunGrant and other biomass feedstock-related activities. I am very much looking forward to interacting with you all in this regard over the next several years. It is with this in mind that I was hoping to be able to get together with some of you in Pittsburgh next week, so that I can begin to familiarize myself with all of the ongoing and new SunGrant efforts. I was also hoping to be able to impose on those SunGrant PIs who I already know to introduce me to the many other PIs who may be in Pittsburgh next week, and who I have not yet met.

I have included my new contact information below. Please feel free to forward this information to anyone who might want to know where I

disappeared to.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Pittsburgh.

Best regards, Steve

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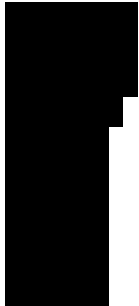
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From: [Gary C. Peterson](#)
To: [Delroy Collins](#)
Cc: [Bill L. Rooney](#)
Subject: Question
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 12:18:32 PM
Attachments: [IMAGE.bmp](#)

Delroy,

I am working on an INTSORMIL report and need information on the pedigree of germplasm Joaquim Mutaliano took to Mozambique. Do you access to old nursery files?

The pedigree of the following material is needed:



I have requested the information from Joaquim but....

Thanks for any help you can give.

Gary



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From: Bartek, Matthew Scott
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 12:35:57 PM

Dr. Rooney,
Thanks for the help. The reason I was asking is that the [REDACTED] planted in the greenhouse is starting to set seed. I checked the anthers for viable pollen and had a small portion stain dark with potassium iodine. I have been trying to track down in the literature whether or not CMS produce no pollen or non viable pollen.

Cara is going through the same thing in Canada. She said that they put mayonnaise on everything in Edmonton

Thanks,
Matt

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu>
To: "Matthew Scott" 'Bartek' <mbartek@neo.tamu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 10:55:03 PM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

Matt:

All is well in Indonesia, but I'm about ready to come home. Kinda tired of eating white rice.

[REDACTED] is the CMS male sterile version of the [REDACTED]. However, that was only planted in the sterilization block. Those bigger blocks you were working were genetic male sterile that were segregating for sterility.

If the source was [REDACTED] that would indicate genetic male sterility and not cms. CMS would have two different numbers in the source (like an A-line increase).

Hope this helps.

Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Bartek, Matthew Scott [<mailto:mbartek@neo.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 5:29 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dr. Rooney,
Hope all is well in Indonesia. I had a quick question about [REDACTED]. Does the [REDACTED] that we planted in CS this year have CMS or just ms3? Also, I was trying to track the pedigree of [REDACTED] (which is the iap material that I am planting in the greenhouse) but cannot find where it has been used since then. I checked the PR and CS field book for 08 but cannot see that it was used. I understand that this may have to wait until you get back.

Matt

From: mohan.gowda
To: [Bill Rooney](mailto:Bill.Rooney)
Subject: Re: ASA-poster
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 1:41:33 PM

Dr.Rooney,
Thanks for your suggestions. I will try to show the values of the parents on the histogram.

Thanks again and have a nice trip for rest of the days.
Mohan

From: Bill Rooney <wlr@tamu.edu>
To: mohan gowda <mohangowda_hk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tue, October 27, 2009 10:29:39 PM
Subject: RE: ASA-poster

Mohan:

The poster looks pretty good. The only thing that I think is missing is the values of the parents on the histogram displaying the RIL data. It would be good to point out where the parents lie on that chart; it will also provide an estimate of transgressive segregation.

Regards,

Bill

From: mohan gowda [mailto:mohangowda_hk@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2009 5:50 PM
To: bill payne; Dr.Bill Rooney
Cc: Maria Balota
Subject: ASA-poster

Dear all,
Here is my poster for ASA meeting-09. I am planing to get printed by Thursday. Please let me know your suggestions.

Thanks
Mohan

From: [Lacewell, Ron](#)
To: [Avant, Bob](#); wlr@tamu.edu; [McCutchen, Bill](#); [Helms, Adam](#); [Simpson, Shay](#)
Subject: FW: Cashing in on bioeconomy
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 2:54:25 PM

So I see the science for sorghum lies in the Southeast.

Just an FYI

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From: Delta Farm Press [<mailto:deltafarmpress@pbineews.com>]
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Subject: Cashing in on bioeconomy

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From: [Tim Trop](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: RE: Maui trip
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 4:32:22 PM

Bill

I have run into a buzz saw on the center pivot irrigation. I am being told it could run as high as \$70 million. So I am trying to find alternatives. Two suggestions that have been used locally:

- 1, deep drip with tape sprinklers moved from field to field to get plants started
2. deep drip with disposable drip on top surface

Are either of these workable for sorghum? If so, can you tell the irrigation engineer how much water is needed for how long to get plants started and what are needs thereafter?

This impacts your schedule because if I am back to drawing board then no need for you to come til next year. If this is any easy fix, sooner is better.

Tim

From: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 11:59 PM
To: Tim Trop
Subject: RE: Maui trip

Tim:

I've looked at my calendar. The options are pretty limited prior to Christmas

The only time I've got would be during the week of Nov 15. I can leave IAH on Sunday morning, Nov 15. I would arrive 5:00 pm Maui. I would have to leave Maui on Tuesday evening Nov 17 to get back to IAH on Wednesday morning, November 18. This would allow two full days for fieldwork. Is that enough?

If this doesn't work, the next time for me will be after Christmas holidays (first week in January).

Regards,

Bill

From: Tim Trop [mailto:tntrop@tphm.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 12:03 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Maui trip

Bill

Can you give me the next three days you have open to come to Maui to see the HCS fields so I can try to jump start this project?

Tim Trop

Btw Chris Cogburn was very helpful, thanks

From: [Delroy Collins](#)
To: ["Gary C. Peterson"](#)
Cc: [Bill](#)
Subject: RE: Question
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 4:49:05 PM

Gary:

Info is below.

Delroy

-----Original Message-----

From: Gary C Peterson [mailto:g-peterson1@tamu.edu]
Sent: 2009-10-28 12:02
To: Delroy Collins
Cc: Bill L Rooney
Subject: Question

Delroy,

I am working on an INTSORMIL report and need information on the pedigree of germplasm Joaquim Mutaliano took to Mozambique. Do you access to old nursery files?

The pedigree of the following material is needed:



I have requested the information from Joaquim but....

Thanks for any help you can give.

Gary



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From: [Robbins, Adriane L](#)
To: [wlr](#)
Subject: Defense set up day
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 5:03:23 PM

Hello Dr. Rooney,

How are you? I would like to set a day for defense this semester. I am close to finish writing my dissertation; I am working with Dr. Hays for corrections. I would like to know which days are you available on the last week of November or first week of December? Thank you!

Best regards,
Adriana

From: [Annet Spanninga](#)
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: Invitation to remain on the Editorial Board for Field Crops Research
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2009 4:23:15 AM

Dear Dr. Rooney,

Re: Invitation to remain on the Editorial Board of Field Crops Research

The editors have recently undertaken a review of the Editorial Board.

After a recent review of the Editorial board, the editors and I would like to extend a cordial invitation for you to remain on the Board for a further term of 3 years.

I hope that you will continue actively to support the journal by encouraging the submission of high quality manuscripts and acting as a reviewer when requested.

To ensure that we have the correct contact details for you, could you please confirm the following:

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Yours sincerely,

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To: [Doolittle, James](#); [Terry Nipp](#); [Kephart, Kevin](#); [Larry Walker](#); [Corinne Rutzke](#); raymond.huhnke@okstate.edu; Jan.Auyong@oregonstate.edu; Rajesh.Chintala@sdstate.edu; c.watson@okstate.edu; thayne.dutson@oregonstate.edu; tklindt@utk.edu; trials@utk.edu; [Owens, Vance](#); [Bill Berguson](#); wlr@tamu.edu; BBaldwin@pss.msstate.edu; leedk@illinois.edu; russell.s.karow@oregonstate.edu; [Karlen, Doug](#); tvoigt@uiuc.edu; [Cassel, Kim](#)
Subject: New Name and Contact Information
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2009 11:17:55 AM

Good Morning,

I am writing to inform you that my name and contact information have changed. Please see my updated contact information below and update your records accordingly.

Thank you.

Laura McCann (Neal)
Office of the Biomass Program
Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

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From: [Stelly David](#)
To: [David Baltensperger](#)
Cc: [Stelly David](#); [C Wayne Smith](#); [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: Re: Sugarcane Breeder position
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2009 11:54:58 AM

I think the top 2 candidates are correctly identified.

I would argue for the breeder as being much more important to practical success than the basic scientist. Those needs can be better served by collaborations and facilities here. The facilities in particular for genotyping will be more advantageously developed without unnecessary redundancy. Key there, will be facilities for DNA preps, and maybe computational analyses (though many of those too might be better served via collaborations, particularly those involving graduate students as hybridization agents between labs). I don't see the Hort part.

David

On Oct 29, 2009, at 11:38 AM, David Baltensperger wrote:

Bill,

Please help me out with some thoughts. Thanks.

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From: Gould Mike <jmgould@tamu.edu>
Date: October 29, 2009 9:47:30 AM CDT
To: David Baltensperger <dbaltensperger@ag.tamu.edu>
Subject: Sugarcane Breeder position

Hi David,

As you know, we have been actively searching to fill the vacancy created

when Dr DaSilva left. However, because of the significant expansion of the research program associated with that position, we broadened the scope of our search to include not only experience in sugarcane breeding, but also experience with genetics, molecular biology and genomics of other high-biomass grasses (a copy of the position announcement is attached). It has been difficult to find a single candidate that meets these criteria. After interviewing four candidates, the Search Advisory Committee has identified two outstanding candidates -

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] together these two outstanding scientists provide an excellent fit to meet the Center's research needs today and to continue its growth in the future. Both candidates were recruited under the original posting and thoroughly evaluated by the Search Committee in both Weslaco and on campus. I believe that it is in the best interests of AgriLife and the Weslaco Center to offer positions to both candidates.

The original posting was at the Associate Professor level. However, based upon their credentials and discussions with HR, I expect to offer both candidates positions at the Assistant Professor level. In addition, I am proposing that the breeding position (Dr Hale) be associated with the Soils and Crop Sciences Department (as was Dr DaSilva) and the genomics position (Dr Brown) be associated with the Horticulture Dept.

Please let me know me if you have any objections or concerns with this plan, or would like additional information on the candidates.

By the way, I believe you originally suggested Dr Hale as a candidate for the position. That turned out to be an excellent choice and the Committee and I thank you for bringing her to our attention.

Mike
Mike Gould
Center Director

<Plant Geneticist Assoc Prof Announcement.doc>

From: [Brummett, Robert G.](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Cc: [Brummett, Robert G.](#)
Subject: FW: Tr : My visit in College Station
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2009 11:56:15 AM

Dr. Rooney,

We received the email below from Sud Cereales for sorghum germplasm.

I've got a couple of requests lately I need to touch base with you on.

Would there be a time we could meet to discuss them (including the Rosenow lines - I've got a spreadsheet on those lines, but need some help in understanding it).

Other interested parties to discuss include Warner Seed and Pioneer (regarding the Rosenow lines they want) and the company Bill Lyles and I discussed a couple of weeks ago (not in the office, so I can't recall the company).

Thanks,
Robert

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hurley, Janie C.
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2009 11:41 AM
To: Brummett, Robert G.
Subject: FW: Tr : My visit in College Station

Robert,

Can you take care of this request, please?

Thanks,
Janie

-----Original Message-----

From: Serge.CLAMENS@groupsud.com [<mailto:Serge.CLAMENS@groupsud.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 11:56 AM

To: Hurley, Janie C.
Subject: Tr : My visit in College Station

Dear Janie ,

I wonder if you received my mail , the address was not good .

Regards

Serge

----- Réacheminé par Serge CLAMENS/GROUPSUD le 28/10/2009 17:52 -----

Serge
CLAMENS/GROUPSUD

29/08/2009 16:25

JHurley@tamu

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cc

wlr@tamu.edu

Objet

My visit in College Station

Dear Janie ,

On Monday 17 th of august , I had the pleasure to visit Bill Rooney sorghum nursery .

Bill showed me his advanced line nursery block where I have selected the earliest line to check their adaptation in french environment (my blooming maturity limit is for A/B line [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Following the list of the lines selected that I would like to receive from Bill , please could you prepare the MTA and fee conditions to receive this germplasm .

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks for your help

Serge Clamens
Sud Céréales
Ferme de Loudes
11400 Castelnaudary
France

From: [Delroy Collins](#)
To: [Dirk](#)
Cc: [Bill](#)
Subject: seed inventory
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2009 1:32:35 PM

Dirk:

I checked the seed sources for your plots in field 405 and we do have selfed seed. They are from our fall nursery in 2008 at Weslaco. We do not have left over seed of the bulk HD and waxy lines.

Mr. S. Delroy Collins, Research Associate
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From: [DoKyoung Lee](#)
To: "[Bill Rooney](#)"
Subject: invited seminar
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2009 1:59:16 PM

Dear Bill,

I hope you remember the seminar for our department scheduled on November 12.
If you arrange your travel we will reimburse later. I will arrange a hotel if you don't have any preference. Also It will be nice to have your title sometime next week.
I am wondering if you go to ASA meeting. I will be there.
Thanks,

D.K.

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From: [Hurley, Janie C.](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: RE: FW: Request for Approval - TAMUS 2741-2746
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2009 3:37:10 PM

Dr. Rooney,

Thanks! I found out yesterday that you'd be out until next week. I look forward to talking with you then.

Have a safe trip back!

-Janie

From: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2009 8:34 AM
To: Hurley, Janie C.
Subject: RE: FW: Request for Approval - TAMUS 2741-2746

Janie;

Sorry for the delay, I've been traveling (still am), but I'll be back in the office on Monday. We can discuss when I return.

Regards,

Bill

From: Hurley, Janie C. [mailto:JHurley@tamu.edu]
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 2:40 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: RE: FW: Request for Approval - TAMUS 2741-2746

Dr. Rooney,

Sorry to bother you again, but Cleanergy is anxious to get this license in place. Again, they proposed taking all 6 lines. Please let me know if you want to provide them with a summary of your recent findings, or proceed to let them trial all 6.

Thanks much,
Janie

Janie C. Hurley, MBA
Sr. Licensing Manager

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From: Hurley, Janie C.
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 3:29 PM
To: 'Bill Rooney'
Cc: Schuerman, Peter L.
Subject: RE: FW: Request for Approval - TAMUS 2741-2746

Hi Dr. Rooney,

Thanks for letting me know. Do you have a summary prepared for the characteristics for each line, including this new data? I assume that you believe these weaknesses are such that they would not even be useful for breeding purposes?

Thanks much,
Janie

From: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2009 12:49 PM
To: Holland, L. Diane
Cc: Baltensperger, David; McCutchen, Bill; Hurley, Janie C.; 'Steve Brown'
Subject: RE: FW: Request for Approval - [REDACTED]

Diane:

Sorry for the delay; too many other things to do and not enough time for anything.

I haven't approved this distribution because things have changed with these lines. When they were originally distributed we had very little data to discriminate amongst them; hence, we made them all available. Now, two growing seasons later, we have quite a bit more data and the more recent data is clear that certain lines are better than others and that some of them have pretty significant weaknesses. These weaknesses are such that, now that we know about them, I would not feel right sending these lines to someone with licensing and fee expectations.

There are two lines in this set of six that are worthy of testing and licensing. I

think the prudent approach is license those lines; if Cleanergy would like the others, knowing their weaknesses, then they could have them as negotiated between the groups.

I've copied Janie and Bill M. on this because they were not aware of the situation.

Regards,

Bill

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From: Holland, L. Diane [mailto:DHolland@tamu.edu]
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2009 1:32 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: FW: FW: Request for Approval - [REDACTED]

From: Lloyd Rooney [mailto:lrooney@tamu.edu]
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2009 1:24 PM
To: Holland, L. Diane
Subject: Re: FW: Request for Approval - [REDACTED]

Hello; I think this should go to Bill Rooney not to me. I am forwarding to him as well . lwr

>>> "Holland, L. Diane" <DHolland@tamu.edu> 9/25/2009 11:57 AM
>>>

Dear Lloyd, David, and Bill,

I have received approval on the License Agreement [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] from Steve and Warren. Could each of you email me your reply?

Thanks!
Diane

From: Holland, L. Diane
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2009 3:15 PM
To: 'Lloyd Rooney'; Baltensperger, David; 'Steve Brown'; McCutchen, Bill; DeLuca, Warren
Cc: Slovacek, Jackie; Lawson, Caroline; Hurley, Janie C.
Subject: Request for Approval - TAMUS 2741-2746
Importance: High

Gentlemen<

Attached for your consideration and approval is a draft of a proposed Non-exclusive License Agreement between Cleanergy Seeds Ltd. and The Texas A&M University System. Also attached is a brief summarizing the terms of the Agreement, and an approval form. If the Agreement is acceptable as written, please indicate your approval with an email response copying everyone on this email. In the interest of time, we are doing this routing approval via email. I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Best Regards,

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From: [Rene Clara](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: Re: [Fwd: Re: visita Rene Clara]
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2009 4:49:57 PM

Dr. Bill,

I sent the letter to Dr. René A. Rivera Magaña , new CENTA Director, requesting him the car for the trip to Nicaragua and Honduras. The request was approved.

I am ready to go on Monday, the 30th of November to the hotel Las Mercedes of Managua. Rafael is going to reserve two rooms separated during two nights, can you pay my room and food?

Regards,

René Clará V.
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Host Regional Coordinator

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De: Bill Rooney <wlr@tamu.edu>
Para: Rene Clara <reneclara@yahoo.com>
Enviado: sáb, octubre 17, 2009 6:05:38 AM
Asunto: RE: [Fwd: Re: visita Rene Clara]

Rene:

I think that is acceptable. I will make my plans on that schedule.

Regards,

Bill

From: Rene Clara [<mailto:reneclara@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 10:10 AM
To: Bill Rooney; raobando@mx.inta.gob.ni
Cc: fbaltoda@turbonett.com.ni; evega@inta.gob.ni
Subject: Re: [Fwd: Re: visita Rene Clara]

Dr. Bill,

We would come to Managua on Monday 30 evening. We would work on Tuesday and Wednesday in Nicaragua and would sleep in Choluteca (Wednesday) On Thursday we go to El Salvador and we would work on Friday at SA and SCP, sleeping in hotel it surrounds airport. Saturday (Dec. 5) you return to Texas.

Regards,

René Clará V.

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Para: Rene Clara <reneclara@yahoo.com>; raobando@mx.inta.gob.ni
CC: fbaltoda@turbonett.com.ni; evega@inta.gob.ni
Enviado: vie, octubre 16, 2009 8:05:47 AM
Asunto: RE: [Fwd: Re: visita Rene Clara]

Rene and Rafael

23-27 Nov – NO
30- 4 Dec – YES

We start in Nicaragua and go to Salvador?

Regards,

Bill

Dr. William L. Rooney
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From: Rene Clara [<mailto:reneclara@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 4:09 PM
To: raobando@mx.inta.gob.ni

Cc: fbaltoda@turbonett.com.ni; evega@inta.gob.ni; Bill Rooney

Subject: Re: [Fwd: Re: visita Rene Clara]

Payo,

Pienso que la semana del 23 al 27 de Noviembre o la semana del 30 de Noviembre al 4 de Diciembre/ sería buena mi visita junto con el Dr. Bill Rooney. Podríamos estar en Nicaragua unos 2 días y otros 2 días en El Salvador, mas un día de viaje.

Esperemos a ver que dice el Dr. Bill.

What do you think Dr. Bill?

Saludos,

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Para: Rene Clara <reneclara@yahoo.com>

CC: raobando@mx.inta.gob.ni; fbaltoda@turbonett.com.ni; evega@inta.gob.ni

Enviado: jue, octubre 15, 2009 12:36:03 PM

Asunto: Re: [Fwd: Re: visita Rene Clara]

> Rene:

No se si con estas fechas de siembra vos podes estimar la fecha de tu próxima visita. Te adelanto que en Estelí nos va a atender el Ing. Julio Molina ya que el Ing. Rodolfo Valdivia trabaja para INTA hasta hoy 15 de octubre.

Payo

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> Gracias por la información, esta interesante saber de los resultados. En

> mi visita tenemos que ver esto.

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> Saludos,

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> René Clará V.

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> De: "raobando@mx.inta.gob.ni" <raobando@mx.inta.gob.ni>
> Para: reneclara@yahoo.com
> CC: fbaltoda@turbonett.com.ni; evega@inta.gob.ni
> Enviado: mar, octubre 13, 2009 11:47:53 AM
> Asunto: [Fwd: Re: visita Rene Clara]
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> Rene:
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> Te reenvió correo de Federico Baltodano con fechas y arreglos de siembra
> de producción de semilla del híbrido ESHG-3.
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> Los arreglos son:
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> Siembra simultánea: 3 de septiembre
> Siembra en arreglo el 3 el macho y el 7 la hembra
> Siembra en arreglo el 3 la hembra y 7 el macho.
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> Rafael Obando
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> ----- Mensaje original -----
> Asunto: Re: visita Rene Clara
> De: "Federico Baltodano" <fbaltoda@turbonett.com.ni>
> Fecha: Lun, 12 de Octubre de 2009, 4:42 pm
> Para: raobando@mx.inta.gob.ni
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>
> Rafael la siembra del sorgo ESHG 3 fue el 3 de Septiembre, la siembra de
> sorgo simultaneo y
> 4 días después el macho primero y la hembra después. gracias Federico B.
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: <raobando@mx.inta.gob.ni>
> To: <raobando@mx.inta.gob.ni>
> Cc: <hpedroza@ibw.com.ni>; <rrvaldivialo@hotmail.com>;
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> <imarcha@inta.gob.ni>;
> <mobando@inta.gob.ni>; <mgarcia@inta.gob.ni>;
> <ejecutivo.anprosor@cablenet.com.ni>;
> <presidencia.anprosor@cablenet.com.ni>; <fbaltoda@turbonett.com.ni>;

> <semillas@ibw.com.ni>; <nury.gutierrez@yahoo.es>

> Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 4:26 PM

> Subject: Re: visita Rene Clara

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>> ----- Mensaje original

> -----Mis estimados amigos:

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> Les recuerdo que deben poner en su programacion semanal el viaje a Managua

> al CNIAB el dia jueves 21 para presentar los resultados del proyecto

> INTSORMIL en 2008 y la propuesta de actividades para 2009. Nos vemos ese

> dia en CNIAB. Iniciamos a las 8:30 am

>

> Rafael Obando

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>> Amigos:

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>> Adjunto les envio la agenda a desarrollar durante la visita del Ing.

>> Rene

>> Clara que sera del 19 al 22 de mayo. La agenda por dia es la siguiente:

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>> Martes 19: Viaje de San Salvador a Managua

>> Miercoles 20: Viaje a Posoltega a ver lote de produccion de semilla del

>> hibrido de grano blanco ESHG-3 en la finca de Federico Baltodano.

>> Jueves 21: Reunion con todos los investigadores que llevan proyectos

>> INTSORMIL para revisar informe 2008 y el plan de actividades para 2009

>> Viernes 22: Viaje de Managua a San Salvador.

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>> El dia jueves 21 la reunion sera en CNIAB iniciando a las 8 am. Cada

>> responsable de proyecto debe hacer una presentacion de los resultados de

>> 2008 para analizarlos y recibir recomendaciones de elaboracion de

>> informes

>> para INTSORMIL. Ademas se haran recomendaciones a las propuestas de

>> actividades a desarrollar en 2009. Pueden iniciar las gestiones de

>> logistica para el viaje a managua afectando el proyecto INTSORMIL.

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>> Asunto: Re: Presentación propuestas y evaluación externa.

>> De: raobando@localhost

>> Fecha: Mar, 5 de Mayo de 2009, 9:13 am

>> Para: reneclara@yahoo.com

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>>> Rene:

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>> Muchas gracias por tu comprension. Al mismo tiempo que te envie el plan

>> lo

>> voy a enviar a los funcionarios de INTA para que ellos lo aprueben. Tal

>> vez seria bueno que hicieramos el plan de trabajo para enviarlo a las

>> regiones para que los investigadores regionales lo incorporen en su

>> programacion de actividades y obtengan el permiso y los medios para

>> viajar

>> a Managua a la reunion. Propongo la siguiente agenda:

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>> hibrido de grano blanco ESHG-3.
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>> Viernes 22: Viaje de Managua a San Salvador.

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>> Rafael Obando

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>> Payo,

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>>> Te esperamos esta semana, pero envíame propuestas ya discutidas y
>>> revisadas en INTA.

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>>> Yo siempre te he dicho que utilices fondos del INTSORMIL para
>>> comunicarte

>>> en un Cyber. Creo que INTA no te puede restringir esta opción. De esta
>>> manera podemos avanzar.

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>>> Sigo con el plan de llegar el 19 de los corrientes para trabajar 20, 21
>>> y

>>> regresar el viernes 22. Mi prioridad es discutir el nuevo plan de
>>> trabajo

>>> 2009-2010 y ver la producción de semilla del híbrido ESHG-3 donde
>>> Federico

>>> Valtodano, caso que haya sembrado. Si quieres agregar algo mas a este
>>> programa lo puedes hacer.

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>>> Saludos,

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From: AGPayroll@ag.tamu.edu
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: New Earnings Statement Available
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2009 11:15:29 PM

William L Rooney,

Your earnings information for the pay date of 11/02/2009 is currently available on HRConnect at <https://sso.tamus.edu/>

Your funds will not be available until the pay date.

You established or verified this e-mail address when you requested electronic notification. You must initiate any change to this e-mail address via HRConnect (or LeaveTraq, where available).

Should you have questions about your payment or other pay information, please contact your Payroll Office shown below.

Should you have questions about HRConnect or benefit issues, please contact your Human Resources Office shown below.

Payroll office - phone is: (979)845-3636.
 email is: AGPayroll@ag.tamu.edu
H/R office - phone is: (979)845-2423.
 email is: AGpayroll@ag.tamu.edu

From: [Nilesh Dighe](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: Re: Permission to show our fields
Date: Friday, October 30, 2009 6:53:27 AM

Dr. Rooney-

He had to cancel his plans. However, he has been requesting few seeds of some released grain-mold resistance lines ([REDACTED]) to be used in his breeding program in India. Should we consider his request at all or not? In case you think it's OK, what would be the appropriate channel he has to go in order to get those seeds?

Thanks.

Regards,
Nilesh

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu>
To: "Nilesh Dighe" <nileshdighe@neo.tamu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 7:22:40 AM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: RE: Permission to show our fields

Maybe too late, but that is fine.
Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Nilesh Dighe [<mailto:nileshdighe@neo.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2009 6:40 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Permission to show our fields
Importance: High

Dr. Rooney-

I have a friend from India visiting me tomorrow and he would just like to see our fields at the bottoms and also the University. He has a small seed company in India and so I thought to seek your permission before showing him our fields at the bottoms. Please let me know if it's OK with you or not, at your earliest.

Thanks,
Nilesh

From: [Hale, Anna](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: FW: Sugarcane Geneticist position at the Weslaco Research Center
Date: Friday, October 30, 2009 12:28:47 PM

From: Gould Mike [mailto:jmgould@tamu.edu]
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2009 11:00 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Sugarcane Geneticist position at the Weslaco Research Center

Dear [REDACTED]

Congratulations on being selected as the top candidate for the sugarcane genetics position at the Texas AgriLife Research Center in Weslaco. As you know, we are part of the Texas A&M University System, and our faculty hold appointments in appropriate departments within Texas A&M University.

As you consider our offer, I want to remind you of some of the unique and attractive aspects of this position. For example, significant extramural research funding is already in place, as well as a well-equipped laboratory and a large and experienced research staff, including an assistant breeder, post-doc, lab technicians, field technicians, a farm manager, field workers, etc. By the end of November we will complete construction of a large photoperiod and crossing facility designed by Nils Berding, with 10 photoperiod bays and more than 4400 square feet of crossing space. Our cane related programs are receiving international attention, and we have an attractive group of university and corporate collaborations already in place.

In addition to receiving a highly competitive, merit-based salary, you will also be eligible to participate in our Salary Enhancement Program (SEP) which allows you to receive additional payments of up to 20% of your base salary from eligible grant funds. In addition, you will receive as personal income 37.5% of royalties received by the Texas A&M System for your inventions, and an additional 37.5% will be returned to support your research program.

We would like to invite you and your family to visit and to spend several days becoming familiar with the area. This will also provide an opportunity for us to discuss specifics related to salary, starting date, and other issues related to your new position. Please let me know some possible dates for your visit that will be convenient for you. Of course, we will cover your expenses.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Once again, congratulations on being selected for this position! We are looking forward to having you join our team at the Weslaco Center.

Best Wishes,

Mike
Mike Gould

Professor & Center Director
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From: [Seth C. Murray](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#); [Russell Jessup](#); [Patricia Klein](#); [bob](#); [jmullet](#)
Subject: Fwd: SNP array OPA order
Date: Friday, October 30, 2009 2:31:19 PM

In an effort to make sure everyone is aware of sorghum genomics opportunities, I am sending this out.

Martha Hamblin is ordering new OPA for Goldengate for a couple of funded projects. This will include 1536 SNPs. The cost now is between \$2895 and \$2575 per plate of 96. The total cost including running is probably \$5000-\$6000 / plate. To reorder the OPA it will exceed \$25,000 which is why I wanted to ensure none of you are interested before the order is placed.

This will be a really good resource if you have a mapping population because it only takes a few days to get clear calls on 1536 markers x 96 individuals.

Martha needs to know by Monday (Nov. 2nd) if we have interest in extra plates - I will assume not unless I or she hears from you.

Thanks,

Seth

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "Martha T. Hamblin" <mth3@cornell.edu>
To: "Seth C. Murray" <sethmurray@neo.tamu.edu>
Cc: "Jurandir Magalhaes" <jurandir@cnpms.embrapa.br>, "Jianming Yu" <jyu@ksu.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2009 1:55:29 PM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: Re: SNP array OPA order

Dear colleagues,

OK, it looks like I am finally just about ready to order this 1536-SNP OPA. It took longer than I thought because even though we had what seemed like a ton of snps, many of them are not useable-- they are singletons, have inadequate sequence quality scores or assay scores, have nearby flanking snp variation, or hit more than one place in the genome. But I am pretty happy with the set that I have: they are well distributed across the genome, with the exception of centromeric regions where there was almost nothing to work with, with average spacing between adjacent snps of about 400 kb, and most of them have a high predicted probability of success (based on scoring by Illumina). So now I need to get some final numbers for the order. Here's what I think we need:

GCP: 5 plates
Seth: 2 plates
Jianming: 6 plates or 10 plates.

If we order 13 plates (i.e., OPA for 1248 DNAs), the cost is \$2895/plate for the OPA.

If we order 17 plates, the cost is \$2575/plate for the OPA.

Two (conflicting) things to keep in mind:

- 1) A re-order of OPA costs a minimum of \$25K for even a single plate.
- 2) This set of SNPs is untested and is based on Solexa-identified SNPs, so there is some risk that it will not work as well as we hope.

Let me know if these numbers are correct, and Jianming, let me know if you want to order for 6 or 10 plates.

Thanks,
Martha

P.S. If anyone wants to see the list of SNPs, let me know and I will send it. Or if you have any questions about how I chose them, please ask. Qi helped me with the SNP discovery and initial filtering, but other than that I've done this completely on my own, which makes me a little nervous.

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From: [Anna Nguyen](#)
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: Permission for publication
Date: Friday, October 30, 2009 3:03:45 PM

Dear Dr. William L. Rooney,

I would like to request permission to provide the publication of your article, "Annual Hybrid Energy Crops: Sorghums", to a group of energy professionals who participated in the training program called Energy Training for Agriculture Professionals www.entap.org. The ENTAP program is an education program designed to give USDA extension agents the tools to work with their clients on farm-scale energy technologies and issues. All use of your materials will be cited as belonging to you. Feel free to provide us with specific guidance on citing your materials.

If you have any questions feel free to get in touch with me at annan@ncat.org.

Thank you,

Anna Nguyen

From: [Jeffryes, Justin - Ames](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: Trisocieties Conference
Date: Friday, October 30, 2009 3:33:48 PM

Hi Bill,

I have just been working on pulling together my schedule for the Trisocieties meeting in Pittsburgh next week. I wanted to drop you a quick email to see if you'd be attending the meeting. If you are, I thought it might be a great opportunity for the two of us to touch base on the Sorghum book project that we've been discussing over the last several months.

I will be at the conference Monday-Wednesday next week. If you are attending and have some time to meet I hope you will stop by the Wiley-Blackwell booth. We will be booth #2026 in the exhibit hall. If there is a specific time that would work well for you to meet feel free to give me a call (515-291-1217) or drop me an email while you are in Pittsburgh.

Best wishes,
Justin

Justin Jeffryes

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From: Jeffryes, Justin - Ames
To: "wlr@tamu.edu"
Subject: Re: Trisocieties Conference
Date: Saturday, October 31, 2009 8:02:46 AM

Hi Bill,

Sorry to hear you won't be in Pittsburgh. I hope your travels home go smoothly.

I remain interested in seeing this project develop. I will stay in touch over the next few months and we can then discuss how best to move forward.

Again sorry to hear I'll miss you at Trisocieties. Hopefully we will have a chance to meet at some point in the future.

Best wishes,
Justin

From: Bill Rooney <wlr@tamu.edu>
To: Jeffryes, Justin - Ames
Sent: Sat Oct 31 07:00:23 2009
Subject: RE: Trisocieties Conference

Justin:

I was planning on being in Pittsburgh, but I've been in Indonesia for two weeks and my return trip has been delayed by a day. That delay is going to make it impossible for me to make it to Pittsburgh.

I'm still interested in the book, but my schedule is so full right now, that I wouldn't even consider it for a minimum of 6 months.

Regards,

Bill

From: Jeffryes, Justin - Ames [<mailto:justin.jeffryes@wiley.com>]
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2009 3:34 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Trisocieties Conference

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Please note my new email address: Justin.Jeffryes@wiley.com

From: gopi.kalyan
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: seeking graduate admission
Date: Saturday, October 31, 2009 9:56:08 AM

William "Bill" Rooney

Professor of Plant Breeding and Genetics
Ph.D., University of Minnesota.

I, Katam Gopi Kalyan, introduce myself as a graduate of Agricultural Sciences from Acharya N. G Ranga Agricultural University, India. In my undergraduate course of Agriculture, I have learnt the various fundamentals in Agricultural Sciences like Introduction to Agronomy, Principles of Soil Science, Cytology, Genetics & Cytogenetics, Principles of Plant Breeding, Seed Production & Certification, Applied Mathematics, Diseases of Field & Horticultural Crops, Crop Pests & Their Management, Crop Physiology, Crop Production, Biochemistry, Production & Farm Management Economics, Agricultural Extension & Rural Development and other 41 different courses.

A constant urge to learn and explore, an ambition to become a researcher, a desire to be a part of the rapidly progressing scientific world and contribute to its development have been instrumental in my opting for the graduate studies.

I am interested in doing my Graduate Studies in Plant Breeding & Genetics that helps me to make firm foundation for my future career. I surfed through the website of your department and found my research interests matching with the research activities carried out at your department.

I strongly feel that I can match the high standard of your Program and contribute fruitfully for the research endeavors at your department. An assistantship besides providing financial support would give me an invaluable research teaching experience. I am keen to join as a postgraduate student at your department with suitable financial assistance in fall 2010.

My GPA in my Under graduation is 8.03 on 10 point scale.

GRE score is 1080.

TOEFL score (Internet based test) is 91.

I shall be happy to provide any further information, if necessary.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you very much.

Best regards,

Katam Gopi Kalyan.

From: [John Mullet](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Cc: [Stelly, David Stelly](#)
Subject: Re: IBERS
Date: Saturday, October 31, 2009 10:48:11 AM

Bill,

I talked to Iain at the IPMB congress in St. Louis this week. He wants to meet to discuss possible collaborations on Miscanthus X sorghum on Friday Nov. 13th. I will try to get something organized. Maybe David Stelly can give them an update on wide hybrids if you and he agree.

Are you still interested in developing a way to access IBERS germplasm? If so, lets get Brian involved.

John

On Oct 27, 2009, at 9:00 AM, Bill Rooney wrote:

Ian:

I don't know if John has responded, but I'm scheduled to be in Illinois on Nov 12 and 13. Therefore, I will be unavailable for meeting at that time. If John is available, he can certainly represent the TAMU program activities.

Regards,

Bill

From: Iain Donnison [isd] [<mailto:isd@aber.ac.uk>]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 12:48 PM
To: Bill Rooney; John Mullet
Subject: IBERS

Bill, John

A group of us from IBERS at Aberystwyth University will be at College Station on 12th November to meet with Ceres at their field station. Would either of you or your colleagues find it useful to catch/ pick up on some of the discussions we had last year? We can book our return flight out of Houston for the evening of 13th November and so could call into TAMU during the morning or early afternoon if this was convenient and useful?

Best regards
Iain

From: [John Mullet](#)
To: [zechun Yuan](#)
Cc: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: Re: Ze-Chun Yuan
Date: Saturday, October 31, 2009 11:34:21 AM

Dear Dr. Yuan,

I would be happy to work with you on this. Lets set up a time to meet so I can learn more about what specific samples would be of interest. Let me know what dates/times would work for you. For me, afternoons from 2-6pm are best.

Thanks,

John

On Oct 29, 2009, at 12:06 PM, zechun Yuan wrote:

> Dear Dr. Mullet,
>
> My name is Ze-Chun Yuan, a visiting scientist from Stoller
> Enterprises Inc. I am currently working in Dr. Scott Finlayson's
> lab in the department of soil and crop sciences. I just came back
> from the green house and met Susan and several other hard worker
> from your lab. I am very impressed to see that you have sorghum
> (corn) that grow very high, dramatically higher than others.
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> As a microbiologist, I am very interested in isolating and studying
> root associated microbes, especially endophytic microbes, that
> promote plant growth, resistance to biotic and abiotic stresses,
> productivity. I am wondering if I can get a few tallest plants
> (sorghum or corn) from your lab (roots, stems and leaves)? I
> believe different plants have different root secretion and different
> root microbial structure. I am trying to isolate and study these
> plant growth promotion microbes to see if they can be used as
> biofertilizer. I can drop by your office to discuss more and
> learn from you at your convenience. If there is anything we can
> collaborate, I would be very happy to work with you.
>
> Thanks in advance!
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From: [John Mullet](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: Re: drought work with the USCP
Date: Saturday, October 31, 2009 11:46:33 AM

Bill,

I agree that it is important to start doing some research for USCP and drought tolerance makes the most sense. If we can get them to fund trials of germplasm, populations, and hybrids in a couple of locations +/- irrigation this would be great. We can handle the marker work needed separately or with minimal costs.

While stay-green would be useful and I agree this should be included, I would also like to explore drought (and WUE) in lines that vary for root traits which I think may be even more important. In addition, if we include parental materials from Bill Payne's study, the role of genetic variation in TE might also be determined.

I have not seen the rfp yet, so clearly we will need to scale this properly based on years and budget available.

Lets talk more when you have returned from travel. I am just catching up from a week on the road.

By the way, the Pioneer Gates project was cut, so this source of funding for our drought work will not be available.

Thanks, John

On Oct 29, 2009, at 8:46 PM, Bill Rooney wrote:

John

The USCP (sorghum checkoff) has an RFP out. Based on discussions that we had with them in June and August, I think they are expecting and would fund a proposal focused on drought with application across different sorghum types.

I know we wrote a pretty puny proposal for them this spring; I'm thinking of expanding it (adding more testing locations and involving Gary Peterson and likely Tesafaye Tesso (at KSU). The exact focus is not clear to me yet (I've got 30 hours of travel coming up to think it through) but I expect evaluation of testcross hybrids for staygreen (like we're doing, but larger) and screening of germplasm for existing staygreen QTL (from multiple breeding sources). In addition, the sweet sorghum can be integrated into breeding staygreen into those parental lines (if screening shows they are not already available).

Obviously, your involvement is absolutely necessary, so I ask for your thoughts. I know we have plenty to do already, but I think this can be tied to current activity and it shows our interest in working with USCP on something important to both groups.

Regards,

Bill

From: [John Mullet](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: Ma4, TILLing field
Date: Saturday, October 31, 2009 12:02:57 PM

Bill,

We have completed our study of the Ma4 population and are done with all materials in that field. Thanks for planting out the Ma4 population, B35 RILs and TILLING lines - we were able to get some good information and TILLING lines this summer.

Thanks,

John

From: [Ioan Negulescu](mailto:Ioan.Negulescu@tamu.edu)
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: 2010 USDA SBIR Panel
Date: Saturday, October 31, 2009 12:42:48 PM

Dear Professor Rooney:

You are recognized as an expert in the field of genetics and plant breeding. Therefore I am inviting you to become a member of the 2010 USDA panel for reviewing proposals related to this topic (6 as a primary reviewer for which you will write a review, 6 as a secondary reviewer and 6 as a reader which you will discuss only in the panel) submitted to Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR). The panel will meet in Washington on 12-15 January, 2010. All expenses and a generous allowance will be supported by USDA. Please respond to this message at your earliest convenience.

Best regards, Ioan

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From: [Geraldo Eugenio](#)
To: [Bill Rooney](#)
Subject: Visit to Texas A&M University - Tentative schedule
Date: Saturday, October 31, 2009 6:25:54 PM

Dear Bill,

Due to the commitments in Washington, on November 19 th and 20th, I will not be able to leave to College Station before Friday, Nov 20th, late afternoon or Saturday morning.

I would like to ask your assistance and Dr. Rooney in order to organize, if possible, an agenda on Monday, Nov 23th, as following:

First I would like to be with you and Dr. Rooney.

If possible, let us make an appointment with the Dean of the College of Agriculture in order to discuss the enhancement on the cooperation between Embrapa and Texas A&M University.

I would like to have a moment to see Dr. Sam Feagley, and Dr. David Zuberer.

And, I will try to meet Mrs. Maria Alves, the head for the Brazilian Students Association, and Mrs. Vi Cook - Do not worry about this, Maria may take care of this appointment.

Then, later evening (19:20 h) I will fly back to Houston, and São Paulo.

Sincerely Yours.

Geraldo Eugenio

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