

**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["John Mullet"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: IBERS  
**Date:** Saturday, October 31, 2009 6:11:00 PM

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John

Yes, I think that it is important to have access to Miscanthus that is not restricted. It is probably worth pursuing, at least initially until we know the cost.

Regards,

Bill

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**From:** John Mullet [mailto:jmullet@tamu.edu]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2009 10:48 AM  
**To:** Bill Rooney  
**Cc:** Stelly\_David Stelly  
**Subject:** Re: IBERS

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,



**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Lea Dell Morris"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Account #  
**Date:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 6:00:00 AM

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Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2009 4:48 PM  
To: Bill Rooney  
Subject: Account #

Dr. Rooney,

Just a reminder that I need an account # for Delroy's travel to Atlanta.

Thanks! Have a great evening!

**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** "Scott Vajdak"  
**Subject:** RE: HP netbook is ready  
**Date:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 6:00:00 AM

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-Scott-

**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Gould Mike"](#); ["Nael El-Hout"](#)  
**Cc:** ["Juerg Blumenthal"](#); ["Helms, Adam"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Weslaco sorcane agronomy experiments  
**Date:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 6:24:00 AM

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Nael and Mike:

I'll try to call you later today, but I'm obligated with teaching and conference calls through about 2 pm.

In general though so you don't have to wait on me, I see no problem with the two groups addressing somewhat different issues. Each group is set up quite differently and I expect that you folks are better suited for equipment and environment to manage more details on production capacity and comparison to sugarcane. I would certainly be in favor of objectives such as those.

I would like for each of the groups to generate a set of common material including data such as yield, composition (juice and bagasse), height and maturity (as appropriate).

Hope this helps and if you need a phone call, please let me know and I'll call both or either this afternoon.

regards,

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**From:** Gould Mike [mailto:jmgould@tamu.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2009 4:07 PM  
**To:** Bill Rooney  
**Cc:** McCutchen Bill; Bob Avant; Simpson Shay  
**Subject:** Weslaco sorcane agronomy experiments  
**Importance:** High

Hi Bill - Regard the agronomy trials at Weslaco contemplated in the DARPA proposal, we are wondering what information will be most valuable to you. Nael has talked to Juerg who wants to carry out simple N rate trials, but I think that something that gives more information on maximum production capacity per acre might be a better target for us down here. Of course we recognize that seed may be limiting initially. I'd like to hear your thoughts on the issue. If you'd prefer, you can call me (office 956-968-5122; cell 956 373-5759) or Nael (office 956 969-5622; cell 863 677-0010). It's OK to call me in the evening if that works better.

Mike  
**Mike Gould**  
Center Director



**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Helms, Adam"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Thesis  
**Date:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 6:26:00 AM

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Adam:

Any chance of moving this earlier or later? I've got a merit review conference call that is now scheduled for 1-3 pm tomorrow.

If you or McCutchen cannot, I can stop in while the presentation is ongoing and hit you but thought I'd ask.

bill

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**From:** Helms, Adam [mailto:[ahelms@dsmail.tamu.edu](mailto:ahelms@dsmail.tamu.edu)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2009 5:59 PM  
**To:** McCutchen, Bill; Bill Rooney  
**Subject:** FW: Thesis

If you still want to show Friday for the massacre

Adam Helms  
AgriLife Research Corporate Relations  
979-255-0752 (mobile)  
979-458-2677 (office)

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**From:** Helms, Adam  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2009 3:49 PM  
**To:** [ken.potter@ars.usda.gov](mailto:ken.potter@ars.usda.gov)  
**Cc:** Cristine L Morgan; Gaylon Morgan  
**Subject:** Thesis

Dr. Potter,

Please find attached my thesis. I apologize for the tardy nature after I promised we would get it to you Monday. The only corrections I immediately foresee making to this version are reformatting some graphs in Chapter III for eye appeal. The content however, will not change, unless you see a need prior to the defense.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Best,

Adam



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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** "[Scott Vajdak](#)"  
**Subject:** RE: HP netbook is ready  
**Date:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 7:34:00 AM

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**To:** "[Scott Vajdak](#)"  
**Subject:** RE: HP netbook is ready  
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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Zak, Kendra"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: DARPA Meeting  
**Date:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 12:14:00 PM

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Kendra:

I will be out of town on Tuesday and not available for the meeting.

Take good notes.

bill

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**From:** Zak, Kendra [mailto:[kzak@tamu.edu](mailto:kzak@tamu.edu)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 10:00 AM  
**To:** McCutchen, Bill; Avant, Bob; Simpson, Shay; Giroir, Brett; Helms, Adam; Spurlin, Shayna; Mullet, John E.; [wlr@tamu.edu](mailto:wlr@tamu.edu); Stelly\_David; Steve Searcy; Patricia Klein  
**Cc:** Slovacek, Jackie; Pollard, Claudia  
**Subject:** DARPA Meeting  
**Importance:** High

All,

Brett Giroir is available to meet on Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2pm in the Corporate Relations Conference room to discuss the DARPA Proposal. Please make arrangements to attend.

Have a terrific Thursday,

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Administrative Assistant  
AgriLife Corporate Relations  
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**To:** "[Scott Vajdak](#)"  
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Scott:

Can you give me a call - I had a meeting run late 1-2. I'm back in my office and available to either bring the computer or have you work on them here (preferred).

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Jeff Dahlberg"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Silage  
**Date:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 3:01:00 PM

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Jeff:

I do not have any silage right now.

We will have some dried forage in the next month, but not any of that quantity right now.

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

**From:** Jeff Dahlberg [mailto:[jeff@sorghumcheckoff.com](mailto:jeff@sorghumcheckoff.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 2:52 PM  
**To:** Bill Rooney; Brent Bean  
**Subject:** Silage

Guys:

Do either one of you have about 5-10 pounds of silage that I can send to NREL? I would need both silage and the dried forage as well.

Jeff

Dr. Jeff Dahlberg  
USCP  
4201 N. Interstate 27  
Lubbock, TX 79403  
Office: 806-687-8727  
Cell: 806-438-8501  
E-mail: [jeff@sorghumcheckoff.com](mailto:jeff@sorghumcheckoff.com)

**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Jones, Brenda A."](#)  
**Cc:** ["Patricia Klein"](#); ["Mullet, John E"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Your Ref. TAMUS 2580; Our Ref. TAMC:010US - Discovery and Utilization of Sorghum Genes (MA5/MA6) - Filing Receipt and Notice to File Missing Parts  
**Date:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 4:39:00 PM

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Brenda:

I'm sending you the original document via Campus Mail. You'll need to change the first sheet as mentioned.

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**From:** Jones, Brenda A. [mailto:Brenda-J@tamu.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 4:19 PM  
**To:** Patricia Klein; Mullet, John E.; jbrady@ag.tamu.edu; Bill Rooney  
**Cc:** Daisy  
**Subject:** RE: Your Ref. TAMUS 2580; Our Ref. TAMC:010US - Discovery and Utilization of Sorghum Genes (MA5/MA6) - Filing Receipt and Notice to File Missing Parts

The law firm asked that you take the top/first page of the revised Assignment and replace it with the top/first page of the Assignment that you have already signed or I can do that when I receive the documents. The problem was with our address on the first Assignment sent, the address was incorrect.

Brenda

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**From:** Patricia Klein [mailto:pklein@tamu.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 4:06 PM  
**To:** Jones, Brenda A.; Jones, Brenda A.; Mullet, John E.; jbrady@ag.tamu.edu; Bill Rooney  
**Cc:** Jones, Brenda A.; Daisy  
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We had collected the signatures and gotten the necessary notarization. I guess we need to start the process over again.

John,

When your group gets their signatures notarized in Bio/Bio, let me know and I will then come and do the same.

Trish

At 04:01 PM 10/1/2009, Jones, Brenda A. wrote:

Hi All. I'm sending this email as a reminder that the attached documents are due October 14, 2009 for filing with the USPTO.

Also, the Assignment document that was sent previously was incorrect and had to be revised, so I've attached the correct version above along with the Declaration that was sent previously. Hopefully, you haven't signed and had the other Assignment notarized yet. Please disregard the other Assignment and use the one attached. Please let me know if you have any questions.

*Brenda Jones  
The Texas A&M University System  
Office of Technology Commercialization  
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College Station, TX 77843-3369*

*979-862-4547 direct  
979-845-1402 fax*

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**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2009 11:34 AM  
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Dear All:

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Please ensure that your names are spelled correctly on each document. **If you find your name is misspelled, please draw a line through it and write in the correct information followed by your initials. Corrections are not valid without initialing.**

You all can sign separate documents if you are in different cities, states, etc.

Upon execution of the Assignment and Declaration, please fax or email me a copy and then return the original to the address below.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact me.

Respectfully,

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["John Mullet"](#)  
**Subject:** RE:  
**Date:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 4:41:00 PM

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Thanks, sorry not to get back to you. Try to work on that now until late.

Catchup with you on Monday.

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

From: John Mullet [<mailto:jmullet@tamu.edu>]  
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 1:15 PM  
To: Bill Rooney  
Subject:

Just letting you know I will be out of town starting 4pm today until Sunday night.

John

**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Payne Burks"](#); ["Rebecca Corn"](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Sorghum data request  
**Date:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 4:57:00 PM

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Payne and Rebecca

Ceres is requesting agronomic data that we have on the sweet sorghum trials. specifically they are interested in the yield data from Payne's trial (Cere's produced hybrids) AND the information from Rebecca's thesis.

Payne - can you prepare analysis and means from your trials that have been harvested this summer?  
Rebecca - I would propose that we send them a copy of your dissertation, mark it confidential and indicate that we are providin this as part of our Ceres' funded program. We'll also indicate that there will be several papers coming from this document that they will see in the next few months.

We need to get this to them early next week.

bill

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

**From:** Walter Nelson [mailto:[wnelson@ceres.net](mailto:wnelson@ceres.net)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2009 6:39 PM  
**To:** Rooney, Bill  
**Subject:** Sorghum data request

Bill,

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Thanks!

Walter



**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Walter Nelson"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Sorghum data request  
**Date:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 5:00:00 PM

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Walter:

Got a request into both Rebecca and Payne to prep some information for you. Should have it by early next week.

bill

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Jeff Dahlberg"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: United Sorghum Checkoff RFPs for 2010  
**Date:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 6:56:00 PM

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Jeff:

Thanks for the RFP - glad to see it.

Can you provide an estimate of the funding amounts that are budgeted for the genomics and the new uses?

It'll help in planning how and what we write for the breeding project

regards,  
bill

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**From:** Jeff Dahlberg [mailto:[jeff@sorghumcheckoff.com](mailto:jeff@sorghumcheckoff.com)]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 2:49 PM

**To:** Aaron Schuchart; Andrew H. Paterson; Angela Thompson McClure; B. Rogers Leonard; Barney Gordon; Barry Miller; Bill Dugas; Bill Payne; Bill Rooney; Billy Williams; Bob Hutmacher; Bob Klein; Bob Sis; Bob Stewart; Bonnie Pendleton; Brent Bean; Brent Rockers; Brian Arnall; Brian Olson; Bruce Hamaker; Bruce Maunder; Buddhi P. Lamsal; Calvin L. Trostle; Case Medlin; Cassandra McDonough; Charles Miller; Charlie Rush; Charlie Woodfin; Chris Bailey; Chris Little; Clarence E. Watson; Cleve Franks; Clint Magill; Cole, Andy; Curtis L. Weller; Curtis Wiltse; Dale L. Fjell; Dan Mandel; Daniel G. Peterson; Danielle D. Bellmer; Darrell T. Rosenow; Dave Ellis; David D Baltensperger; David J. Boethel; David L. Miller; David Mengel; David R. Porter; David S. Jackson; David Thomas; David W. Laird; Deanna Funnell; Dennis Ray; Diane K. Hartle; Dirk Maier; Don Vietor; Don Wysocki; Donghai Wang; Donnie Swink; Doug Heatwole; Douglas Jardine; Fadi M. Aramouni; Fangneg Huang; Fred R. Miller; Gary A. Pederson; Gary C. Peterson; Gary N. Odvody; Gary Pierzynski; Gebisa Ejeta; Gene Kronberg; Gerson Santos-Leon; Glen Art Barnaby, Jr.; Gloria Burow; Graig Bednarz; Greg Crohnolm; Gregory Glenn; Hugo Zorilla; Ismail Dweikat; Jaime E. Malaga; James A. Radtke; James N. Osborne; James P. Stack; James Zhang; Jason Kelley; Jeff Dilbeck; Jeff F. Pedersen; Jeffrey Bennetzen; Jeffrey D. Miano; Jens Walter; Jerry O'Rear; Jess Reed; Jianming Yu; Joe D. Hancock; John Yohe; John B. Howe; John Brethour; John Burke; John C. Reese; John D. Burd; John Erickson; John Erpelding; John F. Rajewski; John H. Ashworth; John H. Sanders; John Jaster; John Leslie; John Mullet; John Russin; Joseph M. Awika; Julie Miller Jones; Julius L. Willet; Jurg M. Blumenthal; K.C. Das; Karl Wardlow; Kassim Al-Khatib; Kay Porter; Ken Kofoid; Kenneth Zimmerhanzel; Kevin Larson; Kraig Roozeboom; Larry D. Earnest; Larry Lambright; Larry McDowell; Larry Richardson; Larry Seitz; Lee Tarpley; Len Marquart; Leon Clement; Lisa Kelly; Lloyd W. Rooney; Louis Prom; Maria Balota; Mark A. Marsalis; Mark Haub; Mark McCaslin; Martin B. Dickman; Matt Veal; Maureen Whalen; Mike Lenz; Mike Northcutt; Mike Ottman; Mike Williams; Mitch Tuinstra; Najeeb Siddiqui; Nancy Turner; Neal Gutterson; Nick Bajjalieh; Nolan Clark; Patricia E. Klein; Paul C. Hay; Paul Tooley; Paxton Payton; Peggy G. Lemaux; Peter Goldsbrough; R. Dewey Lee; R. L. Vanderlip; Ray Huhnke; Reggie Underwood; Rex DeLong; Rick Kochenower; Rick Mascagni; Rob Meyer; Robert Gillen; Robert M. Aiken; Robert V. Avant, Jr.; Roger Gribble; Roger Monk; Ron Gardner; Ron L. Madl; Ronald L. Prior; Ronald Levy; Sangu Angadi; Scott Bean; Scott Staggenborg; Shankar Podduturi; Spencer

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**Cc:** Virgil Smal; Jeff Casten; Gary Kilgore; Earl Roemer; Jim Vorderstrasse  
**Subject:** United Sorghum Checkoff RFPs for 2010

I'm attaching the next round of RFPs from the United Sorghum Checkoff Program. After the first year, we have modified them a bit to cover broader topics. There will be a total of 6 RFPs for this coming year and these are the first 4. The Genomics and New Uses will be coming in another month or two.

Please read the directions and note that these sets of RFPs are due back to my office on November 2. We plan to have them reviewed and sent to USCP Board for final approval of the selected projects by their mid-December Board meeting.

We plan on staying on this type of timeframe in the future with RFPs so this give everyone a chance to plan for their summer activities knowing that there will be funding.

Thanks for you patience on the first set of RFPs. It was a learning experience for everyone.

I've attached the 4 documents in the old version of Word. Please let me know if you have issues with it. Also, these should be posted on our new web site as pdf files this afternoon.

Please share this call with everyone and anyone you know who might have an interest with sorghum.

Jeff

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Stephen Malone \(MDA\)"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: C-4 Seed for Biofuel Crops Symposium  
**Date:** Friday, October 02, 2009 6:16:00 AM

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Stephen:

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So, my question - am I still on the schedule for the presentation? If so, can you give me insight into when the presentation is and if I still need to submit an abstract?

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

**From:** Stephen Malone (MDA) [mailto:[Stephen.Malone@state.mn.us](mailto:Stephen.Malone@state.mn.us)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 29, 2009 8:00 AM  
**To:** [wlr@tamu.edu](mailto:wlr@tamu.edu)  
**Subject:** C-4 Seed for Biofuel Crops Symposium

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The symposium will be co-sponsored and cross-listed under divisions C-3 and A-10.

Thank you so much for agreeing to participate. I look forward to meeting you in Pittsburgh.

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** "[Hoffmann, Leo, Jr](#)"; "[Daniel Packer](#)"; [GUTIERREZ, MIGUEL](#); "[Rebecca Corn](#)"; "[Hayes, Chad](#)"; "[felderhoff@tamu.edu](#)"; "[Payne Burks](#)"; "[mohan gowda](#)"; "[Bartek, Matthew Scott](#)"; "[Collins, Stephen D](#)"; "[dustin borden](#)"; "[Nilesh Dighe](#)"  
**Subject:** WF Nursery, Maps and Instructions  
**Date:** Friday, October 02, 2009 7:22:00 AM

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Greetings all,

Please find attached the Map, Instructions and Fieldbook for WF.

I'd like to visit with as many as possible at 11am and/or 3 pm regarding instructions.

If some can't meet at one time, just meet at the other, we'll give an encore if needed.

thanks,

bill

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
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**Subject:** RE: C-4 Seed for Biofuel Crops Symposium  
**Date:** Friday, October 02, 2009 10:44:00 AM

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Thanks, Steve

I'll make appropriate arrangements.

Bill

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**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2009 10:32 AM  
**To:** Bill Rooney  
**Subject:** RE: C-4 Seed for Biofuel Crops Symposium

The session is Monday afternoon.

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**From:** Bill Rooney [wlr@tamu.edu]  
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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** [wlr@tamu.edu](mailto:wlr@tamu.edu)  
**Subject:** FW: GoToMeeting Invitation - San Francisco Water Oral Presentation  
**Date:** Friday, October 02, 2009 1:06:50 PM

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**From:** Jessica Phillips [mailto:jessica.price@go.doe.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2009 10:50 AM  
**To:** undisclosed-recipients:  
**Subject:** GoToMeeting Invitation - San Francisco Water Oral Presentation

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**Reminder:** Please do not speak during the applicants two presentations.

Reply to this email so that we know you have received the meeting information. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Jessica Phillips (formerly Price)  
Project Engineer  
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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Joe Cothren"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Sweet Sorghum  
**Date:** Friday, October 02, 2009 1:31:00 PM

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Tom:

I looked in our inventory; we don't have a [REDACTED] sorghum. We do have an [REDACTED] [REDACTED] which are derived from ICRISAT material.

It also seems to me that there were some forage sorghum hybrids being sold with a designation of SSH but I don't remember the name.

That's the best that I can do for this request. Anything else, please let me know.

Regards,

Bill

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

From: Joe Cothren [<mailto:jcothren@ag.tamu.edu>]  
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2009 1:20 PM  
To: Bill L Rooney  
Subject: Sweet Sorghum

Bill,

Would you be able to tell me any more about [REDACTED] a sweet sorghum, listed as Texas A&M, ICRISAT, and ARS vintage? A producer in Belize is interested in obtaining seed to try it there.

Thanks!

Tom

**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Carol Rhodes"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: reclassification for Teal  
**Date:** Friday, October 02, 2009 1:39:00 PM

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Carol:

I think that classification is fine, IF we refill the position much like it was when Karen left it.

I'm still not sure if that is the right way to go... so I'm thinking of waiting another week and letting some thoughts settle before we move forward....

I'll be in touch to discuss a week from Monday.

Bill

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**From:** Carol Rhodes [mailto:[cj-rhodes@tamu.edu](mailto:cj-rhodes@tamu.edu)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 4:25 PM  
**To:** Bill L Rooney  
**Cc:** David Baltensperger  
**Subject:** reclassification for Teal

Here is the reclassification for Karen's position. After several discussions with HR and looking at various titles/pay ranges, I chose to go with Program Assistant. It is evidently used widely in Ag for a "catch-all" type position for wages as well as budgeted. The pay range is anywhere from [REDACTED] with an average of \$[REDACTED]. Therefore, I made it [REDACTED] as an exempt position.

Please review the job duties as well as the percentages assigned to each and the required/preferred education, experience and knowledge.

Let me know what you want to change, etc.

Hopefully, we can keep you operating with less stress.

cj

*C. J. Rhodes*

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** "[Unruh, Natalie C](#)"  
**Subject:** RE: 007xBTxms3 for Puerto Rico  
**Date:** Friday, October 02, 2009 1:49:00 PM

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Natalie:

Thanks for the information. I owe you a smoked turkey for all your efforts on our behalf!

Regards,

Bill

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

From: Unruh, Natalie C [<mailto:n-unruh@neo.tamu.edu>]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2009 3:17 PM  
To: Bill Rooney; Daniel Packer  
Cc: Patricia Klein  
Subject: 007xBTxms3 for Puerto Rico

Here are the results [REDACTED] for Puerto Rico

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** "[gscrop@aol.com](mailto:gscrop@aol.com)"  
**Subject:** RE: Sorghum conversion program  
**Date:** Friday, October 02, 2009 2:36:00 PM

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Robert:

We have most of the converted lines; there are over 800 of them. Are you looking for all of them?

While the lines are publicly available, preparing and packaging seed of 800 accessions is not a minimal task. It would require a processing fee of approximately \$500.

If you are looking for only a few, we can provide those at no charge.

Let me know what you are interested in.

Regards,

Bill

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**From:** gscrop@aol.com [mailto:gscrop@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2009 2:33 PM  
**To:** wlr@tamu.edu  
**Subject:** Sorghum conversion program

Dear Dr. Rooney

I was told to contact you by Dr. Jeff Dahlberg.

I am interested in obtaining the accessions from the Sorghum Conversion Program.

Can you help me with this request?

I will gladly answer any questions you may have.

I look forward to your reply.

Thank you

Robert Slings  
GM of G and S Crop Services





**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Rene Clara"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: CENTA requests us information  
**Date:** Friday, October 02, 2009 2:55:00 PM

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Rene:

K73J is a full season grain sorghum hybrid. It is taller than most hybrids in the U.S., so it could be used as a dual forage/grain sorghum, but forage yields will be lower than the Sureno type sorghums and the grain yield will be higher.

I would recommend that you check the Sorghum Partners website. I'm sure that they have more information there.

Regards,

Bill

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**From:** Rene Clara [mailto:[reneclara@yahoo.com](mailto:reneclara@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2009 2:43 PM  
**To:** Bill Rooney  
**Subject:** CENTA requests us information

Dear Dr. Bill,

CENTA needs information of the sorghum K73J of Sorghum Partners Inc of Texas, on the characteristics of plant, grain or forage.

The case is that this company has donated to El Salvador 43 t of seed so that the farmers of El Salvador sow it and we do not have information about this hibryd..

We will be grateful to you send to us all the information that you could to obtain.

Regards,

**René Clará V.**  
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Rene:

Website on KJ73 is below.

[http://www.sorghum-partners.com/seed\\_details.php?id=58](http://www.sorghum-partners.com/seed_details.php?id=58)

bill

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**From:** Rene Clara [mailto:[reneclara@yahoo.com](mailto:reneclara@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2009 2:43 PM  
**To:** Bill Rooney  
**Subject:** CENTA requests us information

Dear Dr. Bill,

CENTA needs information of the sorghum K73J of Sorghum Partners Inc of Texas, on the characteristics of plant, grain or forage.

The case is that this company has donated to El Salvador 43 t of seed so that the farmers of El Salvador sow it and we do not have information about this hibryd..

We will be grateful to you send to us all the information that you could to obtain.

Regards,

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** "[gscrop@aol.com](mailto:gscrop@aol.com)"  
**Subject:** RE: Sorghum conversion program  
**Date:** Friday, October 02, 2009 3:10:00 PM

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When he returns, please have him call me.

Regards,

Bill

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**From:** gscrop@aol.com [mailto:gscrop@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2009 3:08 PM  
**To:** wlr@tamu.edu  
**Subject:** Re: Sorghum conversion program

Hi Bill

Thanks for your response

Is there a list of some type, with information about the material, that would help in the selection.

The expert in the project is unavailable for a few days. He may want all but I will have to check.

I will get back to you.

BR  
Bob

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

**From:** Bill Rooney <wlr@tamu.edu>  
**To:** gscrop@aol.com  
**Sent:** Fri, Oct 2, 2009 2:36 pm  
**Subject:** RE: Sorghum conversion program

Robert:

We have most of the converted lines; there are over 800 of them. Are you looking for all of them?

While the lines are publicly available, preparing and packaging seed of 800 accessions is not a minimal task. It would require a processing fee of approximately \$500.

If you are looking for only a few, we can provide those at no charge.

Let me know what you are interested in.

Regards,

Bill

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**From:** [gscrop@aol.com](mailto:gscrop@aol.com) [<mailto:gscrop@aol.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2009 2:33 PM

**To:** [wlr@tamu.edu](mailto:wlr@tamu.edu)

**Subject:** Sorghum conversion program

Dear Dr. Rooney

I was told to contact you by Dr. Jeff Dahlberg.

I am interested in obtaining the accessions from the Sorghum Conversion Program.

Can you help me with this request?

I will gladly answer any questions you may have.

I look forward to your reply.

Thank you

Robert Slings  
GM of G and S Crop Services

**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** "[Scott Vajdak](#)"  
**Subject:** verizon id and password  
**Date:** Friday, October 02, 2009 4:50:00 PM

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Scott:

There was one other thing to ask you – the 3G service is with Verizon. I assume that the account has a Verizon user Id and password, but I don't know that. So, is there one and if so, how do I get the information.

Regards,

Bill

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Gould Mike"](#)  
**Cc:** ["Helms, Adam"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: DARPA proposal info for cane breeder objectives  
**Date:** Friday, October 02, 2009 4:54:00 PM

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Mike:

I talked with Adam this afternoon; I will develop milestones for 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4. I expect that Nael and Jurg will complete the milestones for 3.3.

I hope to have those materials finished by Monday morning. I probably send them to Adam and Shayna on Monday and copy you as I will be leaving on Monday pm.

Regards,

Bill

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**From:** Gould Mike [mailto:jmgould@tamu.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2009 3:06 PM  
**To:** Bill Rooney  
**Cc:** Kendra Zak; Adam Helms  
**Subject:** DARPA proposal info for cane breeder objectives

Hi Bill,

Are you planning on preparing the supporting documents (Deliverable, Milestones, Timelines) for the budget related to the Weslaco breeding portion of the DARPA proposal (Objectives 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4)? I'm not a breeder so I doubt I could do a very efficient job of it, although I can take a stab at it if necessary. I am working on the Budget Justifications for Objectives 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4. Attached are the budgets we have developed for Objectives 3.1-3.4, along with the supporting documentation for Objective 3.3. I'll send the Budget Justifications when they are finished (probably over the weekend or Monday).

I have a conference call at 4 pm today but would be happy to discuss this with you either before or after my call today, or over the weekend. My office direct line is 956 968-5122 and my cell is 956 373-5759.

Mike  
**Mike Gould**  
Center Director

**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** "[John Mullet](#)"  
**Subject:** RE: GOAL 2: Objective 1, 2 update/questions  
**Date:** Friday, October 02, 2009 6:20:00 PM

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John:

Sorry for the delay in response, been trying to get the rest of the budgets done.

These numbers look fine to me.

Bill

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

From: John Mullet [<mailto:jmullet@tamu.edu>]  
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 1:14 PM  
To: Bill Rooney  
Subject: GOAL 2: Objective 1, 2 update/questions

Bill,

In the attached document, I outlined an experimental plan for Goal 2, objectives 1, 2 (in the text).

Trish and I have Objective 1 done and the budget is set. Let me know if you want to review it.

Take a look at what I propose for Objective 2. Based on this plan, I am thinking the following personnel/supplies will be needed.

Years 1, 2.

Rooney - GS, student workers (to help with core collections, population development).  
+ supplies, travel, etc.

Mullet - 1GS, 1PD, student workers (genotyping, phenotyping, etc.)  
+ supplies

+ 5-10% time for bioinformatics (Klein)

+ Equipment?

Years 3-5

Continue the above budget items

+ 1 additional GS- Rooney

+ 1 additional GS- Mullet

+ part time Technician?

depends on budget

If this is approximately correct, then I will get a draft budget done for us to review.

Thanks,

John

**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** "[McCutchen, Bill](#)"; "[Mullet, John E.](#)"  
**Subject:** RE: Confidential  
**Date:** Saturday, October 03, 2009 8:26:59 AM

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Bill, I'd be happy to discuss integration into the research programs.....

Bill r.

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

From: McCutchen, Bill [<mailto:bmccutchen@tamu.edu>]  
Sent: Saturday, October 03, 2009 8:01 AM  
To: wlr@tamu.edu; Mullet, John E.  
Subject: Confidential

Bill and John,

First I want to say thanks for your leadership and guidance not only for DARPA, but the significant accomplishments that you have achieved in bioenergy over the years. It has been challenging and imperfect, but it has been fun and rewarding.

IF we are successful in securing the DARPA funding, could I ask you to consider funding a graduate student that might focus on the potential to transfer insect, herbicide and/or disease traits from sorghum to sorcane? I would also like to ask you a favor and allow me to engage and provide oversight of this student that would be an student appointment in one or both of your labs.

If you possible, I would like to discuss in person with both of you.

Thanks for considering.

Bill

**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Donghai Wang"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Acception of your paper  
**Date:** Sunday, October 04, 2009 8:51:00 AM

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Donghai:

Can you send me the citation on this manuscript (authors, title) so I can add it to my documentation?

Thanks,

Bill

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

From: Donghai Wang [<mailto:dwang@k-state.edu>]  
Sent: Saturday, October 03, 2009 5:22 PM  
To: Xiaorong Wu; Scott Staggenborg; Jianming Yu; Bill Rooney  
Cc: Donghai Wang  
Subject: Fwd: Acception of your paper

All,

Just want to let you know that our paper was accepted for publication at Industrial Crops and Products (impact factor is about 2),

Best Regards,

Donghai,

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

From: "Naceur Belgacem" <[Naceur.Belgacem@efpg.inpg.fr](mailto:Naceur.Belgacem@efpg.inpg.fr)>  
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Cc: "Naceur Belgacem" <[Naceur.Belgacem@efpg.inpg.fr](mailto:Naceur.Belgacem@efpg.inpg.fr)>  
Sent: Saturday, October 3, 2009 2:04:23 PM GMT -05:00 US/Canada Eastern  
Subject: Your Submission

Ms. Ref. No.: INDCRO-D-09-00376R1  
Title: Features of Sweet Sorghum Juice and Their Performance in Ethanol Fermentation  
Industrial Crops and Products

Dear Dr D. Wang,

I am pleased to inform you that your paper "Features of Sweet Sorghum Juice and Their Performance in Ethanol Fermentation" has been accepted for publication in Industrial Crops and Products.

Thank you for submitting your work to Industrial Crops and Products.

Yours sincerely,

Naceur Mohamed Belgacem, PhD  
Editor-in-Chief

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** "[Mark Yancey](#)"  
**Subject:** RE: Status of advance payment from USTDA  
**Date:** Sunday, October 04, 2009 9:09:00 AM

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Thanks,

Bill

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**From:** Mark Yancey [mailto:[markyancey@neatechllc.com](mailto:markyancey@neatechllc.com)]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 04, 2009 12:55 AM  
**To:** 'Gharabegian, Areg'; William L. Rooney; 'Kendrick Wentzel'; RVOSGOOD@aol.com  
**Cc:** Brian Duff; Rafael Nieves  
**Subject:** Status of advance payment from USTDA

Hi all,

We received final approval for our contract with PT Medco for the project in Indonesia. NEAtch has submitted an invoice and other documents to USTDA required to receive the advance payment. I'm hoping that we will receive the payment before we leave. I think we will, but I am an optimist!

Mark

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** "[Mark Yancey](#)"  
**Subject:** RE: Subcontract for your review  
**Date:** Sunday, October 04, 2009 9:10:00 AM

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There's no problem, just busy. I'll get it signed and sent tomorrow morning.  
Bill

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**From:** Mark Yancey [mailto:markyancey@neatechllc.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 04, 2009 12:48 AM  
**To:** William L. Rooney  
**Cc:** rafaelnieves@neatechllc.com; brianduff@neatechllc.com  
**Subject:** RE: Subcontract for your review

Bill,

I'd like to get the subcontract signed this coming week. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the subcontract. Thanks

Mark

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**From:** Mark Yancey [mailto:markyancey@neatechllc.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 26, 2009 9:39 AM  
**To:** William L. Rooney (wlr@tamu.edu)  
**Cc:** 'rafaelnieves@neatechllc.com'; 'brianduff@neatechllc.com'  
**Subject:** RE: Subcontract for your review

Bill,

I forgot to change the footer in the subcontract. Attached file has been corrected.

Mark

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**From:** Mark Yancey [mailto:markyancey@neatechllc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2009 11:54 PM



**To:** William L. Rooney (wlr@tamu.edu)  
**Cc:** 'rafaelnieves@neatechllc.com'; 'brianduff@neatechllc.com'  
**Subject:** Subcontract for your review

Bill,

Attached is the draft subcontract for the Medco project in Indonesia. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. Thanks

Mark

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](mailto:Bill.Rooney@visionpowersystems.com)  
**To:** [rs@visionpowersystems.com](mailto:rs@visionpowersystems.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Sweet sorghum in Florida  
**Date:** Sunday, October 04, 2009 9:11:00 AM

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Russ:

The logic is fine, narrowing rows increases space between plants within a row. The yield increases are not 50%, they are usually more in the range of 15-25%.

Regards,

Bill

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**From:** Russell Spitz [mailto:rs@visionpowersystems.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 04, 2009 9:10 AM  
**To:** 'Walter Nelson'  
**Cc:** 'Rooney, Bill'  
**Subject:** RE: Sweet sorghum in Florida

Thanks for your thoughts.

As most yields to date are on 30" rows and in row spacing of 3.44" if there is cannibalization it should be because of the 3.44" in row spacing, correct?

By using 15" row spacing and in row spacing of 4.5" we should improve the plant spacing and therefore the yields should increase by the increase in plants of approximately 50% per acre.

Your comments please.

**Russell W. Spitz**

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**From:** Walter Nelson [mailto:wnelson@ceres.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2009 9:22 AM  
**To:** Russell Spitz  
**Cc:** Rooney, Bill  
**Subject:** Sweet sorghum in Florida

Thank you for sending this Russell. Some thoughts:

We have been seeing yields of 25-40 wet tons/acre per cut depending on the maturity of the hybrid. With the length of the season and growing conditions in Florida, I felt would be possible to consider two crops or cuts. Due to some of the limitations in doing two cuts or crops, I believe a reasonable estimate for Florida would be 40-70 wet tons/acre per year total for sweet sorghum. While I have heard of estimates/yields of up to 100 wet tons/acre per year in Florida as you suggest, this number strikes me as rather high and might not be a "typical" yield you may expect in a production system.

The ability to harvest on narrower rows is indeed a good capability to have and it is reasonable to assume that testing sweet sorghums at different plant populations and row spacing will allow you to optimize the planting density for a given hybrid and realize higher average yields. The challenge with increased plant populations is that you can reduce stem thickness and possibly reduce sugar yield per stalk/plant. The only way to know what this yield improvement will be for a given hybrid would be through testing, so I can't really say whether a 30% improvement estimate is high or low.

Please let me know if you have other questions, and good luck with your meetings next week!

Best regards,

Walter

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

**From:** Russell Spitz [mailto:rs@visionpowersystems.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2009 10:29 AM  
**To:** Rooney, Bill; Walter Nelson  
**Subject:** Re:

As discussed, Vision is meeting with its equity partner, TPG, on Monday the 28th at 2:00 pm pst.

I will inquire of TPG at the start of the meeting if they wish to talk to Bill concerning yields.

Understanding that with Mother Nature and agricultural crops such as sweet sorghum, there are variations in location, time of year, temperatures, etc. it does appear for our central to southern Florida locations to use 25-35 T/A/P winter/spring and 40-60 T/A/P summer/fall for sweet sorghum yields to date.

The most interesting aspect here and one I wish both of you would thoroughly contemplate is that the yields everyone refers to, including the most recent hybrid test yields by Dr. Rooney are based on 30" or larger row spacing because that was the spacing required by the existing harvesting equipment or for convenience.

The row spacing and resulting yields were not based on location, sunlight, temperature and water availability, it was to accommodate the existing harvesting equipment.

As with all aspects of Vision's business model and starting with a clean canvas, Vision was driven to be the low cost producer and in the case of sweet sorghum yields, how does Vision maximize yields to take advantage of Florida's sunlight, temperatures and water? You change the harvester!

This is the same business logic Vision used in demanding contiguous acreage with the plants located in the center. Why haul feedstock over the road and store off site

at a cost of ± \$.21/G if you don't have to?

It appears all agree 18" rows are just fine, in fact 15" or possibly even tighter might be doable in the summer months, to be borne out by Vision's twenty acre test plantings.

Using 18" rows in lieu of 30" rows, all else being equal, will increase plantings by 63% simply because Vision changed the harvester.

With Vision's plant locations, at all times of the year, there is sufficient sun availability; therefore, based on year round temperatures, irrigation, GPS and known fertilizer requirements, yields should follow plant density increases as achieved with the 18" row spacing.

Even a 30% yield increase as a result of a 63% plant density increase has stunning results.

As energy crops have just come into demand, sweet sorghum is in its infancy as to growth in yields via breeding and genetics. With this infancy, gains in yields in the order of magnitude of an average of 5% per year should be accomplished for the next 5-10 years via breeding and genetic engineering. This growth curve, I understand, has been well established in other major crops.

	<u>Winter/Spring T/A</u>	<u>Summer/Fall T/A</u>
30" row yields	25-35	40-60
18" row x .5 = 30% increase	33-46	52-78
Breeding & Genetics 15% increase	38-53	60-90

May I talk to both of you individually Monday morning prior to my meeting with TPG?

Russell Spitz

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**To:** "[geugenio1@terra.com.br](mailto:geugenio1@terra.com.br)"  
**Subject:** RE: Training for Alvaro at the Sorghum Breeding Program  
**Date:** Sunday, October 04, 2009 11:11:00 AM

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Geraldo:

My apologies. I've been traveling and not in a position to start the process. I will also be traveling this week as well (Ireland) and won't be able to start the process. When I return to CS next Monday, I'll check with Drs. Smith and Hall on what the options and process should be.

I'll follow up in about 10 days.

Regards,

Bill

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**From:** Geraldo Eugenio [<mailto:geugenio1@terra.com.br>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 04, 2009 11:03 AM  
**To:** [wlr@tamu.edu](mailto:wlr@tamu.edu)  
**Subject:** Training for Alvaro at the Sorghum Breeding Program  
**Importance:** High

Dear Bill,

I have sent two messages to you in the last two weeks on how to proceed with the arrangements for Álvaro training with you.

Today I am leaving to Montreal until next thursday. Unfortunately it will be not possible to me to stop at College Station this time.

If you have any additional information, please let me know in order to prepare the young man to be at Texas A&M from March to July 2010, or whatever you will find it will be better.

Sincerely Yours.

Geraldo Eugênio

**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** "[Holland, L. Diane](#)"  
**Cc:** "[Baltensperger, David](#)"; "[McCutchen, Bill](#)"; "[Hurley, Janie C.](#)"; "[Steve Brown](#)"  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Request for Approval - TAMUS 2741-2746  
**Date:** Sunday, October 04, 2009 12:48:00 PM

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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 - TAMUS 2741-2746

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**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

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**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,

Diane Holland  
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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** "[Stelly David](#)"  
**Subject:** RE: Goal 3 Obj 4 Budget and Milestone (draft)  
**Date:** Sunday, October 04, 2009 2:32:00 PM

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David:

I took a quick look at the information for 3.4c. It looks good and I don't have anything in particular to add. I would mention that derivatives for testing will be generated in various locations, including 3.1, and 3.2 as well as 3.4b.

Otherwise, I think it is fine and is ready for tweaking.

I'll be sending the group my general plans for the sections under my responsibility. They will reference the subtasks that have been developed (or supposed to be developed by others).

Regards,  
Bill

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

From: Stelly\_David [<mailto:stelly@tamu.edu>]  
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2009 5:35 PM  
To: Rooney Bill; Klein Trish  
Cc: Stelly\_David David M.  
Subject: Goal 3 Obj 4 Budget and Milestone (draft)

Sorry to be so late ... too many things going on.

Here is a draft of "my" part -- where I am to lead the document development:

Gross budget -- insufficient room for equipment and facilities ....  
need some IDC; will keep trying to identify needs that should be here (detailed in Budget items)  
Budget items --  
Annual agenda -- really more a thinking facilitator than anything else .... needs some more work  
Milestones.

Hope the file works okay for : it is exported from OpenOffice.org in MS Excel format, which most of you probably use.

It is not a finished product but is probably more than DARPA will digest anyway.

Will do more over the weekend. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN READ THE FILE OK .... I AM RELATIVELY NEW TO THE OPENOFFICE SYSTEM.

David







**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** "[Lacewell, Ron](#)"  
**Subject:** RE: 2010 appropriations for Advancing Biofuels Production  
**Date:** Sunday, October 04, 2009 8:42:00 PM

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Thanks, Ron

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**From:** Lacewell, Ron [mailto:r-lacewell@tamu.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2009 8:46 AM  
**To:** Jan\_Nimmo@Baylor.edu; Bill Rooney  
**Cc:** Baltensperger, David; Hussey, Mark; Dugas, William; Boleman, Larry; dustinbryant@meyersandassociates.com; larry.meyers@meyersandassociates.com; Gilliland, Diane M.; Payton, Stephanie  
**Subject:** 2010 appropriations for Advancing Biofuels Production

Dr. Nimmo and Dr. Rooney

The project on Advancing Biofuels Production was appropriated [REDACTED]. It is anticipated that there will be some rescission. Nevertheless, a good time to begin thinking about developing the proposal for the funding. A great partnership where support is coming from Rep. Edwards and Senator Hutchison. Congratulations

Ron

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["shan.podduturi"](#)  
**Subject:** phone call  
**Date:** Monday, October 05, 2009 6:35:00 AM

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Shan:

I got your voice mail on Friday afternoon; I assume that you were calling to check on the seed.

We sent the seed on Thursday. My apologies for the delay; Karen retired in mid September (rather suddenly) and that has left us a little behind with regard to seed packaging and distribution. You should have that seed today or tomorrow. If you don't get it send me an e-mail.

Regards,

Bill

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["alva.mateo@gmail.com"](mailto:alva.mateo@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Wedding RSVP  
**Date:** Monday, October 05, 2009 7:12:00 AM

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Sara and Rafael:

Great to hear that your getting married! I appreciate the invitation and as you might expect, we won't be able to get to Peru for the wedding. Best wishes and we'll talk soon.

Regards,

Bill

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["John Mullet"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: GOAL 2: Objective 1, 2 update/questions  
**Date:** Monday, October 05, 2009 9:24:00 AM

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John:

That sounds good to me. Let's do it that way.

I'm traveling today and will check e-mail periodically.

Regards,  
Bill

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

From: John Mullet [<mailto:jmullet@tamu.edu>]  
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 8:01 AM  
To: Bill Rooney  
Subject: Re: GOAL 2: Objective 1, 2 update/questions

Bill,

One option is to include MAB on breeding populations into Objective 2 so you don't have to change GOAL 2, Obj 3 budget, etc. If you agree, I will move funding for one of the GS students allocated to your program into MAB in my budget in years 3-5 and try to cover more of Trish's bioinformatics in this budget.

I will be in the office this am if we need to discuss.

John

On Oct 2, 2009, at 6:20 PM, Bill Rooney wrote:

> John:  
>  
> Sorry for the delay in response, been trying to get the rest of the  
> budgets  
> done.  
>  
> These numbers look fine to me.  
>  
> Bill  
>  
> Dr. William L. Rooney  
> Professor, Sorghum Breeding and Genetics  
> Chair, Plant Release Committee  
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> 979 845 2151  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: John Mullet [<mailto:jmullet@tamu.edu>]  
> Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 1:14 PM  
> To: Bill Rooney  
> Subject: GOAL 2: Objective 1, 2 update/questions  
>  
> Bill,  
>  
> In the attached document, I outlined an experimental plan for Goal 2,

> objectives 1, 2 (in the text).  
>  
> Trish and I have Objective 1 done and the budget is set. Let me  
> know if you  
> want to review it.  
>  
> Take a look at what I propose for Objective 2. Based on this plan,  
> I am  
> thinking the following personnel/supplies will be needed.  
>  
> Years 1, 2.  
>  
> Rooney - GS, student workers (to help with core collections,  
> population  
> development).  
> + supplies, travel, etc.  
>  
> Mullet - 1GS, 1PD, student workers (genotyping, phenotyping, etc.)  
> + supplies  
>  
> + 5-10% time for bioinformatics (Klein)  
>  
> + Equipment?  
>  
> Years 3-5  
>  
> Continue the above budget items  
>  
> + 1 additional GS- Rooney  
>  
> + 1 additional GS- Mullet  
>  
> + part time Technician?  
>  
> depends on budget  
>  
> If this is approximately correct, then I will get a draft budget  
> done for us  
> to review.  
>  
> Thanks,  
>  
> John  
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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["John Mullet"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: milestones, justification  
**Date:** Monday, October 05, 2009 9:25:06 AM

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Just that graduate student. I can cover other expenses in the 2.3 section.

bill

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

From: John Mullet [<mailto:jmullet@tamu.edu>]  
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 7:52 AM  
To: Bill Rooney  
Subject: Re: milestones, justification

Bill,

Goal 2, Objective 3. Do you want to budget anything for MAB in this section?

I will work on finalizing G-2, Objective 2 today. Trish wants a bit more funding (currently 50% time) for her bioinformatics person so I need to look into that as well.

John

On Oct 4, 2009, at 2:44 PM, Bill Rooney wrote:

> <Budget Justification - Rooney.doc>

**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Mason, Richard Esten"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Fixed or random  
**Date:** Monday, October 05, 2009 12:23:53 PM

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Esten

I've seen people run and publish them as either, just depends on how you justify the analysis. I think you can easily justify a random effect, unless you start to focus on particular lines and particular regions of the genome.....

How's that for an answer?

Regards,

bill

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

From: Mason, Richard Esten [<mailto:richard-esten-mason@neo.tamu.edu>]  
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 11:18 AM  
To: Bill Rooney  
Subject: Fixed or random

Bill,

Would you say recombinant inbred lines have a random or fixed effect?

Esten

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Walter Nelson"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Bloom dates  
**Date:** Monday, October 05, 2009 1:09:18 PM

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Wray will be relatively consistent, although I don't exactly know what to expect in PR. If I recall in Texas, Wray flowers in about 75-80 days, but I haven't planted it in PR. For Grassl, it depends on when it is planted. When we plant in late November or early December, it flowers in mid February. I expect it may be slightly later with an October planting, but don't know for sure as I haven't done that personally.

Next time we talk, I've got contacts for you in Mexico (for sure, on sweets and possibly biomass) and I'll be going to Jakarta to look at feasibility of sweet sorghum in Indonesia at the end of this month.

Regards,  
Bill

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**From:** Walter Nelson [mailto:wnelson@ceres.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2009 12:49 PM  
**To:** Rooney, Bill  
**Subject:** Bloom dates

Bill,

We're doing some pilots in Puerto Rico with Grassl and Wray. Any thoughts on their bloom dates in a short-day environment? Clint is designing the splits...

Thanks!

W

**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Stelly\\_David"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: milestones, justification  
**Date:** Monday, October 05, 2009 6:01:00 PM

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How much are we short on equipment fund to do what is needed?

It seems that this is a core of the proposals and it should get funded.

Bill

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**From:** Stelly\_David [mailto:stelly@tamu.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2009 3:05 PM  
**To:** Shayna Spurlin  
**Cc:** Stelly\_David; Helms, Adam; Simpson, Shay; Mullet, John E; Patricia Klein; Gould Mike; Nael El-Hout; Juerg Blumenthal; Avant, Bob; Rooney Bill  
**Subject:** Re: milestones, justification

Hi Shayna,

I left a brief message on your phone. The matter you mention is important too, but in this case, I think that a bigger matter will be our ability to use some of the IDC toward acquisition of equipment to be used in completing the proposed research. There is not room for it in the regular budget. In such situations, the normal solution is to have authorization from administration to use some of the IDC for this purpose. I would think that Bob Avant, Bill McCutchin, Bill Dugas and Brett Giroir all would concur on the merits of such an investment, so I think it would be reasonable for us to list those items for purchase under cost-sharing, using some of the IDC funds from the project, INFORM OUR ADMIN OF THAT INCLUSION (some people try to "sneak" that sort of stuff through), and let our Administration sign off on them.

If we can't acquire the equipment, then we probably need to back off of the wide hybridization a lot and delete some of the core aims.

I am temporarily done with my visitors .... and near the phone 5-2745 and computer.

David

On Oct 5, 2009, at 7:35 AM, Spurlin, Shayna wrote:

Thanks, Dave!

If the equipment in question has a useful life of more than 1 year and costs \$5000 or more, then it is listed in the equipment category and it is exempt from IDC.

Does that help? If you need more information, give me a call when you get a chance this afternoon.

Shayna Spurlin  
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Stelly\_David wrote:

Adam and Shayna,

Attached: Excel file containing  
Budget,  
Budget details,  
Milestones and  
Annualized schedule

I do not have the Budget justification done. I need to know if some IDC will be applicable to equipment needs -- these are needed; if not, I need to delete some work items. I will complete the budget justification this afternoon. I have guests all morning. You can try to reach me at lab, if urgent (tell that to whomever answers the phone).

David

On Oct 4, 2009, at 2:44 PM, Bill Rooney wrote:

Adam and Shayna:

I sent a budget last week; attached you'll find a justification, milestones and timelines. Deliverables are still in the original proposal provided to DARPA in September.

These can certainly be changed; so feel free to do so as needed. I will be out for vacation this week but I will check my e-mail regularly.

Regards,

Bill

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<Budget Justification - Rooney.doc><Milestones Timelines and Deliverables - Rooney.doc>

**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["McCutchen, Bill"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Rosenow Release Observation  
**Date:** Monday, October 05, 2009 7:01:07 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Bill

Jaroy evidently asked Gary Peterson to indicate which lines in the Rosenow nursery were publicly available. So we put that list together. My advice is to keep those things that were publicly available, publicly available. All other material should require an MTA of some sort, per our existing policy. I don't want to change policies again, unless there is a real reason to do so. I personally have not yet seen that reason.

Regards,

Bill

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**From:** McCutchen, Bill [mailto:[bmccutchen@tamu.edu](mailto:bmccutchen@tamu.edu)]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2009 6:32 PM  
**To:** [wlr@tamu.edu](mailto:wlr@tamu.edu)  
**Subject:** Fw: Rosenow Release Observation

Bill,

Your read / guidance on this please?

Bill

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**From:** Gary C Peterson <[g-peterson1@tamu.edu](mailto:g-peterson1@tamu.edu)>  
**To:** Baltensperger, David; Jaroy Moore <[JMoore@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:JMoore@ag.tamu.edu)>; Steve Brown <[RSBrown@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:RSBrown@ag.tamu.edu)>; McCutchen, Bill  
**Cc:** Bill L Rooney <[wlr@tamu.edu](mailto:wlr@tamu.edu)>  
**Sent:** Mon Oct 05 10:44:10 2009  
**Subject:** Rosenow Release Observation

Bill,

A list of breeding lines (see attached) from the Rosenow breeding program was distributed to many sorghum scientists in August. The breeding lines represent the range of germplasm in that program. Individuals evaluating the lines at either College Station or Lubbock were told the material would be available with an MTA.

I have classified the lines for status - released, unreleased, etc - and whether an MTA is appropriate. Bill

Rooney has looked at the list and the status/recommendation.

If there are any questions please call.

Regards,

Gary

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** ["Payne Burks"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Finalized RBFT  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 06, 2009 5:07:32 AM

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Thanks, Payne

I'm going to send this to Chris Abernathy and have him let us know what else he needs.

Bill

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

From: Burks, Payne [<mailto:payne11@neo.tamu.edu>]  
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 2:51 PM  
To: Bill Rooney  
Subject: Finalized RBFT

Dr. Rooney,

I ran everything through SAS again this morning, and I figured out all the flaws in the data set hopefully. The only problem I have with the data is the unusually high Dry Moisture % for Grazeall3 in Kansas data. I got in touch with them and they said they could not remember the crop being diseased or any other environmental factors that would lead to the high moisture. Every rep for Grazeall3 has a high moisture content so I left it as it was. I hope everything is correct.

Payne

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**From:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**To:** "[Helms, Adam](#)"  
**Subject:** RE: DARPA update  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 06, 2009 5:19:49 AM

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Adam:

Thanks to you and the group for putting this together. As I mentioned to you last week, I'll be out this week; I won't be at the meeting today, but if there is something you need, just let me know via e-mail and I'll turn it around ASAP.

Regards,

Bill

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

From: Helms, Adam [<mailto:ahelms@dsmail.tamu.edu>]  
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 10:20 PM  
To: Giroir, Brett; McCutchen, Bill  
Cc: Avant, Bob; Zak, Kendra; Slovacek, Jackie; Pollard, Claudia; Bill L Rooney; Simpson, Shay; Spurlin, Shayna; Nelson, Michelle  
Subject: RE: DARPA update

Dr. Giroir,

Please find attached two documents: 1) Milestones and Deliverables 2) revised narrative with inputs from Dr. Steve Searcy on logistics - Objective 1.3. Budgets totals are not yet associated with the Milestones and Deliverables because we have not received all of tasks/objectives or budgets. We are still working on the Gantt chart and the goal is to complete it tomorrow.

There are some minor formatting issues that need to immediately be rectified - the narrative uses "objectives" and we received milestones and deliverables as "tasks". If there is a preferred terminology from DARPA, please let us know.

Thanks,

Adam

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

From: Giroir, Brett [<mailto:Brett.Giroir@tamu.edu>]  
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 5:39 PM  
To: McCutchen, Bill  
Cc: Avant, Bob; ahelms@tamu.edu; Zak, Kendra; Slovacek, Jackie  
Subject: Re: DARPA update

No worries

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Sent using BlackBerry

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

From: McCutchen, Bill

To: Giroir, Brett

Cc: Avant, Bob; 'ahelms@tamu.edu' <ahelms@tamu.edu>; Zak, Kendra;  
Slovacek, Jackie

Sent: Mon Oct 05 17:35:52 2009

Subject: DARPA update

Brett,

We apologize for the delay, but we got "dumped on" by the PIs over the weekend. Adam is working to assimilate the morass and hopes to get you a DRAFT copy early in the morning (or perhaps late tonight).

In any event the PI's will be ready to review tomorrow starting at 12:30.

Kendra, are we having lunch delivered?

Bill