

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Anna Hale"](#)
Cc: [Schuerman, Peter L.](#); [George L Hodnett](#); ["Thomas Tew"](#); Edward.Richard@ARS.USDA.GOV
Subject: project description for non-funded agreement
Date: Tuesday, July 08, 2008 8:49:50 AM
Attachments: [Project Description.doc](#)

Anna:

Attached is a rough draft of the project description to be merged with the Letter of Intent. It is not complete, but I want to get it to you in a timely manner so that we can continue to move forward, given your imminent maternity leave.

I've copied Peter Schuerman, who is our manages intellectual property for Texas AgriLife Research. He should be the point of contact on future development of the terms of the contract. If you have questions on the research plan, please direct those to me.

regards,

bill

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Peter Schuerman"](#)
Cc: [McCutchen, Bill](#)
Subject: FW: NFCA-
Date: Friday, July 18, 2008 11:47:48 AM
Attachments: [Non Funded Cooperative Agreement wlr edits.doc](#)

Peter:

As we discussed, attached is the first version of the Non funded cooperative agreement that came from Houma. The changes were made by me.

I'll let you start the discussion from here.

I assume you've had some contact with their tech people?

regards,

bill

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

From: Hale, Anna [mailto:Anna.Hale@ARS.USDA.GOV]
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2008 8:53 AM
To: Bill Rooney; George L Hodnett
Subject: NFCA-

Bill and George-

Attached you will find a draft of the NFCA. "The powers that be" suggested that I let the two of you take a look at it before sending it to our extramural agreements specialist. This is just for the two of you to look at and not for your OTT. The "official" document will be sent from Linda Robinson in our area office to your OTT people. I just want to make sure that we are on the same page and in agreement on things before sending it through official channels. I think it will speed the process up if we are in agreement when OTT gets their hands on it. Don has looked at it and said it looks okay to him (our OTT coordinator). He is out of town all week, but I have been told it needs to go to the area office at this point. Let me know what you think. Dr. Richard has also approved it and put in what he wants.

The part in red basically says that anything jointly created is joint property, and anything solely created by one institution belongs to that institution. I had this filled in, and they took it out. I understand that it will automatically be filled in when it is officially entered into the system.

Anna

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["George L Hodnett"; "Hale, Anna"](#)
Cc: ["Peter Schuerman"](#)
Subject: NCFA
Date: Friday, July 18, 2008 1:06:37 PM
Attachments: [Non Funded Cooperative Agreement wlr edits.doc](#)

George, Anna and Peter

This is the final edits for the document that you sent. Peter (note this is different from what I sent you earlier).

If this is acceptable to ARS scientist then it is time to send to all tech transfer people. Peter S is our contact (copied on this e-mail).

Anna - As of right now, we cannot send seed of [REDACTED] I hope that is resolved in the very near future, but we are still finished the arrangements. We'll just plant it here until we are approved.

George will call you - sorry things are crazy (but you are dealing with even bigger things.)

bill

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Cc: [Slovacek, Jackie](#); ["j-young@tamu.edu"](#); [Penn, Nancye B](#); [Nelson, Michelle](#)
Subject: RE: Quarterly Meeting Schedule
Date: Monday, July 28, 2008 12:03:22 PM
Attachments: [Ceres TAMU 2008Q3 Quarterly Meeting Schedule draft.doc](#)

Walter and all:

The September meeting that was suggested for the 22nd may change. Please stay tuned and I will get details to you soon. I've attached a draft agenda for the September meeting. Please review and provide me feedback on agenda items.

Thanks,
Shay

From: Walter Nelson [<mailto:wnelson@ceres-inc.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2008 10:23 AM
To: Simpson, Shay; Baltensperger, David; Bill Rooney; John Mullet; Patricia Klein; Avant, Bob; Schuerman, Peter L.; Helms, Adam; Edgar Haro; Juerg M Blumenthal
Cc: Slovacek, Jackie; j-young@tamu.edu; Penn, Nancye B; Nelson, Michelle
Subject: RE: Quarterly Meeting Schedule

Shay,

Thank you for sending the proposed dates below. They look okay to me, but I am still waiting for a few responses from my end. Also, I am including Edgar Haro (Ceres Sorghum breeder) and Juerg Blumenthal (now running some agronomy work for the program) on this note as they should definitely attend if possible. I already spoke to Edgar and he should be able to do the call. I will let you know if I need any revisions.

Also, as for time for the call, I think 2-3 hours for the call will be plenty as I imagine 30 minutes or so plus discussion for an update per area (breeding, genomics, agronomy) should be fine. I know Bill had also mentioned a discussion about seed scale up on with respect to Ceres awhile back and we could discuss a few licensing matters as well.

Would you like to take a first pass at a meeting agenda or would you like me to?

Thanks,
Walter

From: Simpson, Shay [<mailto:shay-simpson@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 7:00 PM
To: Walter Nelson; Baltensperger, David; Bill Rooney; John Mullet; Patricia Klein; Avant, Bob; Schuerman, Peter L.; Helms, Adam
Cc: Slovacek, Jackie; j-young@tamu.edu; Penn, Nancye B; Nelson, Michelle
Subject: Quarterly Meeting Schedule
Importance: High

Walter and all,

(Who have a left off of the recipient list to receive this email?)

Based on the responses I have received so far, the following schedule will fit best in the majority of the respondents calendars for quarterly meeting:

August 4 to have a conference call for brief update – Walter please let us know the time preference and how many hours to hold (2 hours or what?).

September 22 for Ceres to travel to A&M for full-quarterly meeting.

December 11 for A&M to travel to Ceres.

March 9 for Ceres to travel to A&M

Please give me more specific feedback on whether you like these dates or would want to adjust slightly.

Thank you,
Shay

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Cc: [Slovacek, Jackie](#); j-young@tamu.edu; [Penn, Nancye B](#); [Nelson, Michelle](#)
Subject: Ceres Aug. 4 - Agenda
Date: Thursday, July 31, 2008 4:37:00 PM
Attachments: [Ceres TAMU 2008Q2 Quarterly Meeting Schedule.doc](#)
Importance: High

All:

Attached please find the agenda for the conference call with Ceres this coming Monday.
I scheduled HEEP conference room 437 for our Texas A&M group to meet in.

For those that are not in College Station, the call in number is
888-296-6500
After the tone dial 801464#.

Walter, please forward this email to your group with Ceres as I don't have all of their email addresses.

Thanks,
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Subject: Sorghum composition slide for conference call
Date: Monday, August 04, 2008 1:32:39 PM
Attachments: [TAMU sorghum cal set.pdf](#)

Bill and John (and others),

I wanted to send this slide along for discussion/update as part of today's call. It was prepared by Bonnie Hames and her group and shows some of the initial results from the compositional analysis of the sorghum samples sent to us for compositional model development.

As you can see, they are 60% of the way through the samples selected for diversity and are seeing a very wide range of differences.

Looking forward to speaking to you all this afternoon.

Walter

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Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2008 2:37 PM
To: Baltensperger, David; [wlr@tamu.edu](#); [jmullet@tamu.edu](#); Patricia Klein; Avant, Bob; Schuerman, Peter L.; [ahelms@tamu.edu](#); [bmccutchen@tamu.edu](#); Juerg Blumenthal; Edgar Haro; Walter Nelson; Spencer Swayze
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Cc: [Young, Charlie](#)
Subject: September 24 Ceres Meeting
Date: Friday, August 08, 2008 4:24:14 PM
Attachments: [Ceres TAMU 2008Q3 Quarterly Meeting Schedule draft.doc](#)
Importance: High

All:

The meeting is a go for September 24, in College Station. I have attached a draft agenda for the quarterly meeting that needs your input. I took Walter's agenda from April and deleted old items and added items identified for discussion on the phone conference from earlier this week.

The meeting will be held in the Centeq Building B, Conference Room 270, beginning at 8:00 am.

We will be using an internet meeting room so that Ceres colleagues that will not be in College Station can participate and see the presentations. Therefore, please provide me any and all handouts and presentations just prior to the meeting so we can get the visuals on one computer.

I look forward to receiving your input.

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From: [Spencer Swayze](#)
To: [Avant, Bob](#); [William Rooney](#); [Mullet, John E.](#); [McCutchen, Bill](#); [Schuerman, Peter L.](#)
Subject: FW: Press Release: Ceres Trials Energy Crops at Georgia Biofuel Facility
Date: Tuesday, September 09, 2008 9:19:55 AM
Attachments: [Press Release Ceres Trials Energy Crops at Georgia Biofuel Facility.msg](#)

FYI. See you all in a couple of weeks.

Best regards,

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Sent via treo

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Cc: [Young, Charlie](#)
Subject: Updated agenda for TAMU-Ceres meeting on Spe 24
Date: Friday, September 19, 2008 10:04:50 AM
Attachments: [Ceres TAMU 2008Q3 Quarterly Schedule draft WN updated.doc](#)

Hi Shay,

I was looking over the agenda for next weeks' meeting and realized there have been some changes since it was first prepared. Because of the switch from Monday to Wednesday, Spencer and I have to fly out on Wednesday night and therefore need to wrap up by 3 or 3:30 on Wednesday. To accomodate this I suggested keeping the licensing discussion offline with Peter and Janie. I have been contacting them about that regularly and will do so again soon. I also added several items that have come up in recent weeks that we though to discuss. I have redlined those in.

Also, we will not be available for dinner on Wednesday night. However, we would be happy to have dinner on Tuesday if anyone is available. We could also meet on Tuesday late afternoon to discuss any items where insufficient time will be available on Wednesday.

Let me know if this is okay and if you have any additional revisions.

Thanks!

Walter

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Subject: Final - Ceres Wednesday Schedule
Date: Friday, September 19, 2008 6:37:58 PM
Attachments: [Ceres TAMU 2008Q3 Quarterly Schedule final.doc](#)
Importance: High

All,

I had to make a few changes and additions to the schedule to work around a few conflicts. Please find attached the final schedule for our Wednesday meeting in Centeq 270 with Ceres.

We will be broadcasting our meeting over a secure internet meeting room. So, please bring all of your handouts and presentations ELECTRONICALLY so we can upload them to the computer and broadcast to all participants. If you can send these materials to Michelle Nelson m_nelson@tamu.edu by Tuesday noon, even better!

Thank you,
Shay

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Subject: Ceres Schedule & NOTES Q2
Date: Monday, September 22, 2008 4:32:55 PM
Attachments: [Ceres TAMU 2008Q3 Quarterly Schedule final.doc](#)
[Notes 2008Q2.doc](#)

I've attached the latest schedule with a few updates. From some of the emails I've seen going around, it looks like Walter and team will meet Bill Rooney at his office around 2 PM tomorrow and head out to the field. I would like to join the group out there. I believe Jürg will join the group as well. Others are welcome as well. We can make plans for dinner during this time.

Once we are done in the field, Walter and I need to meet with Charlie around 4 PM to make sure the Adobe meeting is going to run smoothly.

I've also attached my DRAFT version of the notes from the August conference call. Please make any changes as I'm sure I didn't capture everything correctly. This is just for us to remember and follow up on items from the last meeting.

Thanks,
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