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Subject: RE: PUF vacuum planter
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:47:00 AM
Attachments: [Texas AgriLife Funding Request planter wlr.docx](#)

Seth:

I've edited the document that you sent and it is attached. You can share it with others, but I'll let you make that decision if needed.

A couple of other comments.

1. Gary Peterson should be added if this is a College Station/Lubbock play.
2. Regarding availability of the planter across the state, speaking from experience it is difficult, and often impossible to utilize equipment across distances because of continual needs for planting in multiple locations at the same time. So, the feasibility of both Lubbock and College Station sharing a planter doesn't work all that well.....not that it can't, it just hasn't.
3. If others are to use it, make sure to include costs of maintenance. Maintenance of a vacuum planter is more complex than the cone planters. We will need a plan.

That's all.

Regards,

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

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Subject: PUF vacuum planter

All,

Dr. Baltensperger suggested that a vacuum plot planter is near the top of the list for PUF fund farm equipment requests for the department and that we should put in a proposal. We currently have [REDACTED] from Texas Corn Producers which expires December 31st. Dr. Baltensperger has said that the Texas Sorghum Producers have also approached him and would be willing to contribute \$ [REDACTED] towards this equipment.

Attached is a PUF request that hopefully you get a chance to provide feedback on by Friday afternoon.

I am expecting a new quote from Almaco this week to add in. After talking with various people, the Almaco is fine for nursery planting, the SRES is possible for nursery planting and the Winterstieger can not be used for nursery planting because of cross contamination. The SRES quote from January was for [REDACTED]

I have also been contacting industry to source if any used planter exists that might be available - if you have industry contacts worth talking to about this, please let me know.

Thanks,

Seth

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