

**From:** [Ioan Negulescu](#)  
**To:** [Bill Rooney](#)  
**Subject:** Re: 2010 USDA SBIR Panel  
**Date:** Monday, November 02, 2009 10:16:01 AM

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Bill: Here are the answers:

1. It depends on the individual proposal. Narrative text around 20-25 pages. Support documents (forms, CV of authors, history of support, support letters) may add up to 20-40 pages.

2. From my experience: To write a review (for 6 proposals as a primary reviewer) I need usually around 1 hour for each. To read and make some notes for discussion as a secondary reviewer (5-6 proposals) I need usually 30-40 minutes per proposal. About 30 minutes to read a proposal for which I've been assigned as a reader (5-6 proposals, to intervene as necessary during the discussion of the proposal). You will be provided with a laptop so that you will have access to all proposals and reviews (yours and that of ad-hoc reviewers, usually 2-4 reviews). Roughly speaking, some 12-14 hours of intense work. But this is from my experience, you might be a faster reviewer!

6. Last year the honorarium was \$225/day.

I hope that you will join the 2010 panel! Best regards, Ioan

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**From:** Bill Rooney <wlr@tamu.edu>  
**To:** Ioan Negulescu <ioannegulescu@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Mon, November 2, 2009 8:55:07 AM  
**Subject:** RE: 2010 USDA SBIR Panel

Ioan:

Can you provide me with an estimate of

1. Length of these proposals
2. Estimated time for review of each proposal
3. Estimated allowance for the process.

I'll let you know once I have an idea of the amount of time required prior to the actual review.

Regards,

Bill

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**From:** Ioan Negulescu [mailto:ioannegulescu@yahoo.com]  
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**Subject:** 2010 USDA SBIR Panel

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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