



USDA-CSREES 2006 National Water Quality Conference

An Update of the 1890 Institutions Water Resources National Facilitation Project

There is a strong interest in water resource education, extension and research at most of the 1890 Institutions. Recognizing the strong interest in, and commitment to providing water resource programming to underserved audiences in rural and urbanizing communities nationwide, the 1890s establish a water resource network of education, extension and research personnel. The coalition will increase the involvement of the 1890 Land-Grant Universities (LGUs) in the USDA-CSREES National Water Resource Program as well as build on mutually beneficial partnerships between 1862 and 1994 LGUs. Such partnerships would build upon common goals and interests shared by minority-serving land grant institutions with water quality programs, while at the same time, drawing upon the diversity of resources and expertise found among the 1862 institutions. The coalition involves ten of the eighteen 1890 institutions that currently have water quality research or extension programs. The other 1890 institutions will be encouraged to join as they begin to build their capacity in water resource arena. A 5-member water quality program coordination committee that consists of three committee members from 1890s and two from 1862s is being formed. They will be charged to (1) facilitate institutional linkages including CSREES water quality programs; (2) conduct strategic planning and evaluation of water quality programs at 1890s and (3) develop collaborative strategies with 1862s and 1994s in addressing water quality issues through research, education and/or extension activities.

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