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## **Highlights of the 1890 Institutions National Facilitation Project for Water Resources**

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### Abstract:

Recognizing the strong interest in, and commitment to providing water resource programming to underserved audiences in rural and urbanizing communities nationwide, the 1890s National Facilitation Project (NFP) has helped to increase the involvement of the 1890 Land-Grant Universities (LGUs) in the USDA-CSREES National and Regional Water Resource Programs. Since the inception of the National Facilitation Project, there has been a fifty percent (50%) increase in the number of 1890 institution attendees to the national water conference. Many of which had made oral and poster presentations at the conference. The 1890 National Facilitation Project uses a mini-grant award process to engage and enhance water resource deliverables from 1890 LGUs. The mini-grant award process continues to play an integral role in the facilitation project; as well as help foster mutually beneficial partnerships with 1862 and 1994 LGUs. The delivery of high-quality programming germane to water quality and water quantity issues is an integral part of this project. Research, Extensions and Education proposals are funded as mini-grants up to a funding level of \$10,000, for one year. These mini projects are tied to the CSREES national water quality themes. Results from these mini-grants are helping agricultural producers and rural communities better understand and respond to critical water resource issues.

### Impact Statement:

The project is helping to build water resource capacity at 1890 institutions. Thus, enhancing the visibility of 1890 institutions in the mainstream of water quality research and extension. Additionally, it has help to foster collaboration amongst 1890 institutions in water resource programming; and to engage 1890 research and extension scientists in regional programming efforts in water resources.

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