

2005 Current Fiscal Year Report: Research, Education, and Economics Task Force

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Agriculture	2005
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Research, Education, and Economics Task Force	16601

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	07/28/2003	07/28/2005	07/28/2004

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes	USDA Dept. Reg. Number 1042-146, Task Force Charte	10/01/2004

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue		

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Sec. 7404 of 2002 Farm Bill, Pub. L. 107-171	07/28/2003	Ad hoc	No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
18e. Total Costs	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Task Force shall evaluate the merits of establishing one or more National Institutes

focused on disciplines important to the progress of food and agricultural science. The Task Force shall conduct a review and evaluation of the merits of establishing one or more National Institutes focused on disciplines important to the progress of food and agricultural sciences, and, if establishment of one or more National Institutes is recommended, provide further recommendations to the Secretary.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Task Force members will have a broad-based background in plant, animal, and agricultural sciences research, food, nutrition, biotechnology, crop production methods, environmental science, or related disciplines; and be familiar with the role and infrastructure used to conduct Federal and private research.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated Number of Meetings total is four. July 31, 2003 October 27, 2003 January 28, 2004 April 20, 2004

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Congress created this Task Force in the 2002 for the specific purpose of examining the merits of establishing NIH-like institutes for agriculture. No other source is focused on accomplishing the goal set for this Task Force.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All of the REE Task Force meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The Task Force was established in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, but did not receive appropriations in the FY 2003 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. H.R. 1559, the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2003 included the language that will allow the Task Force to operate, and modified the purpose as well. These modifications have been included in the new charter.

Designated Federal Officer

Kathryn E. Boots Executive Director, REE Task Force; Special Assistant to the Under Secretary, REE

Narrative Description

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What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications

Other



Access Comments

This committee was administratively inactive for Fiscal Year 2005.