

## 2005 Current Fiscal Year Report: Research, Education, and Economics

### Task Force

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>		<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>	
Department of Agriculture		2005	
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>		<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>	
Research, Education, and Economics Task Force		16601	
<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	07/28/2003	07/28/2005	07/28/2004
<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>		<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
Yes	USDA Dept. Reg. Number 1042-146, Task Force Charte		10/01/2004
<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>		<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Continue			
<b>11. Establishment Authority</b> Statutory (Congress Created)			
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
Sec. 7404 of 2002 Farm Bill, Pub. L. 107-171	07/28/2003	Ad hoc	No
<b>15. Description of Committee</b> Other Committee			
<b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b>	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
<b>17a. Open Meetings and Dates</b>	<b>17b. Closed Meetings and Dates</b>	<b>17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates</b>	<b>17d. Total Other Activities</b>
0	0	0	0

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	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
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- 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.