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| ***PPQ Strategic Iniative Report: PPQ-NPB Strategic Alliance - Funding*** |
| November 30, 2015 | **PPQ Strategic Plan Alignment** | Driving Forces (p. 3); Goal 2, Objectives 2. and 2.2 (p. 8) |
| **Champion:** Osama El-Lissy | **Project Goal** | Provide funding to states in a timely manner and align fiscal timelines between state and federal levels. Clarify status of funding whenever possible and manage federal and state expectations.  |
| **Project Manager:** Alan Dowdy | **Performance Goals** | 1. Cooperative agreement funds (not including Farm Bill) are available to state regulatory cooperators for programs as soon as possible.
2. Bundle cooperative agreements to reduce the administrative burden
3. Document the cooperative agreement workflow to communicate the process and identify potential challenges to success
4. Explore whether the use of the multi-year agreements would reduce administrative burden and improve funding continuity
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| Project Update |
| **Achievements (past 90 days)** Key activities and completed milestones since the last report.* Text and graphics for budget and cooperative agreement timelines have completed internal APHIS review.
* States were included in the annual agreements bundling pilot included: CO, DE, ID,IN, KY, MD, ME, MS, MT, ND, NH, NV, PA, SD, TN, UT, VA, WI, WV.
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| **Next Steps (next 90 days)** Key activities to be completed in the next 90 days.* Text and graphics for budget and cooperative agreements timelines will be veted by the “Funding” team then shared with NPB membership.
* Develop a guidelines sheet that includes the state and federal roles and responsibilities.
* Additional states to be included in the annual agreements bundling pilot pending the resolution of FY16 federal budget.
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| **Challenges:** Factors that could delay achievement of key activities or significant milestones in the next 90 days.* Progress on Grantor is dependent on departmental timelines for implementation
* Bundling agreements is part of APHIS BPI and some states are reluctant to commit to the process
* The FY16 continuing resolution expires on December 11
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