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| ***PPQ Strategic Iniative Report: PPQ-NPB Strategic Alliance - Funding*** |
| June 22, 2015 | **PPQ Strategic Plan Alignment** | Driving Forces (p. 3); Goal 2, Objectives 2. and 2.2 (p. 8) |
| **Champion:** Alan Dowdy | **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 30 days)** Key activities and completed milestones since the last report.* Developed federal appropriaitons timeline
* Validated time of year states desire starts for cooperative agreements
* Goal 4 completed. Explored use of multi-year agreements and determined they have limited value for most agreements and should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Benefit is to be gained by multi-year program planning.
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| **Next Steps (next 30 days)** Key activities to be completed in the next 30 days.* Update the NPB BOD on Grantor software implementation
* Draft, in graphic form, all budget and cooperative agreement timelines
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| **Challenges:** Factors that could delay achievement of key activities or significant milestones in the next 30 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
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