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| ***PPQ Strategic Iniative Report: PPQ-NPB Strategic Alliance - Funding*** |
| September 18, 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.* NPB full membership was briefed at their annual meeting in August
* PPQ Farm Bill Team and the National CAPs Committee were briefed on the initiative
* Timelines were vetted internally with PPQ ADODRs then state partners
* Two states, Colorado and Nevada, successfully piloted bundled agreements
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| **Next Steps (next 90 days)** Key activities to be completed in the next 90 days.* Draft and review, in graphic form, all budget and cooperative agreement timelines
* Additional states will be included in the bundling pilot
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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
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