

Board on Agriculture Assembly
1890 Universities Report to Policy Board of Directors

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(Please check the BAA-PBD Goals that each activity directly addresses.)

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<p>Budget and Advocacy</p> <p>AEA and ARD continue to work with the BAA BAC and their respective B&L committees. The 1890 B&L committee representatives also engage with the B&L committees of ESS and CES and, as members of the family, support their advocacy issues as well. The 2016 enacted budget provided additional funding to the 1890s to support the inclusion of Central State University as an 1890 land-grant university,</p>		X	X	X	X

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<p>125th Anniversary Center of Excellence</p> <p>As a result of the 125th Anniversary events, six USDA agencies are working with the 1890s to support their 125th Anniversary Centers of Excellence (COE) for small farms/ranches/forestland programs and for workforce development for the global environment. Additionally, ARS has established a sabbatical program for 1890 faculty to work in ARS labs for 6 – 12 months. Funding to campuses for initiatives under the COEs was achieved through a competitive process. Six collaborative initiatives to strengthen curricula and programs for 1890 university students to be competitive for garnering careers in the global agricultural workforce are now receiving funding through APHIS and FAS and seven initiatives related to the COE for innovative and sustainable small farms, ranches and forestlands were selected for funding from RD, NRCS, FS and FSA. The Administration and Secretary Vilsack have supported the COE initiatives and ~\$10M increase has been requested in the 2017 President’s Budget for the 1890 Capacity Building Grants Program to support the growth of the three centers accordingly.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	
<p>ARD Serves as the Management Entity for the Centers of Excellence</p> <p>The ARD is serving as the management entity for funding received for the COEs because of its 501(c) 3 status. However fiscal oversight for the COE initiatives resides with a Board of Directors that includes Cooperative Extension and corporate sector representatives.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	

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<p>Association of Extension Administrators (AEA) 2016 Winter Meeting</p> <p>AEA held its winter meeting on January 25-28, 2016 in Savannah, GA and invited representatives from several organizations and agency to participate in its meeting. Some of the presenters included Dr. Robert Holland, Associate Director, USDA, NIFA, Ms. Cynthia Montgomery, Deputy Director, Office of Grants and Financial Management, NIFA, Dr. Christine Geith, CEO, eXtension, and Dr. Steve Turner and Rachel Welborn from the Southern Rural Development Center. The group also discussed issues they felt should be addressed in the 2018 farm bill.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>
<p>AEA Announces 1890 Excellence in Extension Award Program</p> <p>AEA is seeking applications for the 2016 1890 Extension Excellence in Extension Award Program. Applications are due on or before May 1st. AEA will recognize one Extension professional in each of the four program areas who have developed and implemented innovative programs that have had significant impact on the clients or community being served. The winner in each of the program area will be recognized with a plaque and a monetary award. One of the four 1890 Excellence in Extension program award winners will be selected as the 1890 regional award winner and his/her application will be submitted for consideration for the ECOP National Excellence in Extension Award in the June.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>			<p align="center">X</p>

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<p>Participation in ECOP</p> <p>1890 Extension Administrators are very involved in ECOP. Delbert Foster serves as immediate past chair, Dr. Mark Latimore is chair of the ECOP Program Committee, and Dr. Celvia Stovall is co-chair of the Personnel Committee. There are two 1890 Extension representatives on the ECOP Task Force on Innovation in Extension.</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	
<p>LEAD-21 and FSLIX</p> <p>The 1890s continue to support leadership programs and are increasing the numbers continuously of those participating in LEAD21 and FSLIX.</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	
<p>Communications</p> <p>The ARD continues to communicate with the 1890 universities through its website www.umes.edu/ard and its monthly newsletter, the <i>ARD Updates</i>. The recently developed website, www.1890universities.org will be periodically updated as well. The ARD website is primarily a functional site and can be immediately updated through the ARD Executive Director. Documents, agendas, presentations, 1890 impacts, faculty expertise, etc are maintained at this site.</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	
<p>2016 AEA Summer Meeting</p> <p>The 2016 AEA Summer Meeting will be hosted by Langston University on June 20-23, 2016 in Oklahoma City, OK. The key issues to be addressed will include innovation, addressing urban issues, and the use of social media in 1890 Extension.</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	

<p align="center">BAA Section Planned and New Activities</p> <p align="center">(Briefly describe any new activities planned for next year)</p>				
<p>2017 ARD Symposium</p> <p>The ARD has begun its planning for the 2017 Research Symposium with expected participation of ~1000 persons, including graduate and undergraduate students. It will take place April 1 – 3, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.</p>	<p align="center">X</p>		<p align="center">.</p>	