



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Administrative Heads Section  
Board on Veterinary Medicine  
AMR Workshop Participants  
Other Interested Individuals

**FROM:** Ian L. Maw, Vice President, Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources,  
Association of Public and Land-grant Colleges

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**DATE:** February 22, 2018

**RE: Request for Proposals to Establish and Institute for Antimicrobial  
Resistance Research and Education**

Several years ago, APLU and AAVMC established a joint task force to examine issues relating to antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in agriculture production. The task force, comprised of leadership drawn from the two associations with representatives from the agricultural production industries, the pharmaceutical industry, and with significant input from government agencies, issued its report and recommendations in October 2015.

Among the recommendations was the establishment of a university research organization to coordinate and implement the report's recommendations. A national institute for research and education on antimicrobial resistance would serve as a coordinating mechanism by bringing together stakeholders and leaders from academia, government and industry to develop and commit to a national strategy addressing the myriad issues surrounding antimicrobial resistance.

The accompanying [concept paper](#) for the establishment and operation of the Institute is offered for your consideration to solicit proposals for its creation at a land-grant institution and/or with collaborating institutions that embody the expertise and capabilities outlined in the concept document. We envision that the host University for the Institute will be a comprehensive university with strong health science and agriculture presences – colleges of veterinary medicine, agriculture, medicine and public health. The campus should demonstrate a track

record of involvement with and be supportive of a One Health focus. Its top level administrative leadership (President, Provost, VP for research and deans) should be highly supportive of this effort and be willing to obligate significant in-kind contributions (e.g. office space, administrative and logistical support, IT support, etc.). It should also be committed to financial membership (Tier I) in the Institute.

The APLU/AAVMC AMR Executive Steering Committee, which continues to guide this effort, requests that proposals to host the institute be developed in a manner that incorporates the vision, mission, direction and principles contained in the framing concept paper. Proposals should outline the rationale for siting the Institute within the framework of the university and the attendant advantages of doing so both for the institution and the Institute. A review committee, chaired by The Honorable Catherine E. Woteki, has been constituted by the Executive Committee and charged with the responsibility of reviewing the proposals and making recommendations for the selection process. We anticipate that there will be discussions among the highest ranked applicants and the review and executive committees prior to a final selection recommendation to the executive committee.

Proposals should be limited to no more than 10 pages in length and should be forwarded to Dr. Ian L. Maw at APLU (electronically submitted to [imaw@aplu.org](mailto:imaw@aplu.org)) by **Monday, April 1, 2018**.