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Re: No cost extension to Sub-Agreement between ICRISAT and Iowa State University dated 1 April 2008 for WASA Seeds Project

Dear Ms Polaski:

Reference is made to the Sub-Agreement dated 1 April 2008 between ICRISAT and Iowa State University (ISU) with regard to the USAID-funded project: "West Africa Seed Alliance (WASA)", which is effective for the period 15 October 2007 to 31 December 2011.

All terms used and not defined herein shall have the respective meanings given to them in the Sub-Grant Agreement.

Pursuant to ICRISAT's request to complete the planned activities, USAID has approved an extension of the project until 30 April 2012. Accordingly, the referred Sub-Grant Agreement between ICRISAT and ISU is therefore amended as follows:

Term:

The term of the Sub-Agreement between ICRISAT and ISU is extended up to 30 April 2012 with no additional cost to enable ISU complete the activities agreed in the attached Work Plan within the available budget. While implementing these activities priority will be given to WASA- SP target countries.

All other terms and provisions of the Sub-Agreement remain the same and effective.

Kindly sign and return a copy of this amendment in acceptance of project no cost extension.

Thank you and best regards.

Yours sincerely,



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We hereby agree to this no cost extension.

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WEST AFRICA SEED ALLIANCE

A Component of the WASA Partnership- Seed Policy Enabling Environment

Program,

Implemented by Iowa State University

Through the Cooperative Agreement (CA) No. 624-A-00-08-00002-00

WORK PLAN

FOR

January/April 2012

December 2011

I- Introduction

Seed of improved varieties can trigger changes to a nation and region's agricultural development. Access by farmers to adequate and sufficient good quality seed of the desired and adapted crop varieties at the right time, ensure the seed security and food security.

Based on the Regulation on Harmonization of the Rules Governing Quality Control, Certification and Marketing of Plant Seeds and Seedlings in ECOWAS Region, approved by the Sixtieth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Economic Community of West African States, in Abuja May 17-18, 2008, seed has a crucial importance in the region to ensure a sustainable agriculture, more productivity that ensure food security and better living standards for farmers.

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate local seed production of high quality seed of improved varieties and regional trade without barriers. So under Chapter IV Article 9, each member states shall institute a national catalogue of plant species and varieties. This national approach is necessary to establish the regional West African catalogue of plant species and varieties. At the same time the WACPSV shall be the official document containing the list of all varieties registered in the Member States.

For the purpose of seed harmonization to facilitate trade in the region, it is necessary to establish a common quarantine pest list based on science, this will ensure a safe movement of seed within the Member States in a transparent manner and without dissemination of any pest. An initial regional quarantine pest list has also been developed with the Plant Health departments of all 17 ECOWAS countries. Based on scientific information and the knowledge of the Plant Health Departments, there has been a dramatic reduction of quarantine pests for inter-regional trade. The NPPOs from Member States have the commitment to consult at national level the proposed list, so afterwards a regional discussion should take place.

II- Activities

The following three activities are proposed to be developed during the period of January/ March 2012:

Activity 1: Culminate the implementation of the West African Catalogue of Plant Species and Varieties

Activity objective: To assist in the implementation of the regional variety release system, including the collection of data by the National Authority to INSAH/CILSS, analysis of said data and incorporation of the approved varieties into the PC-based catalogue for regional marketing.

Rationale: This is effectively the nucleus of the seed trade harmonization agreements. The West African Catalogue of Plant Species and Varieties needs to be established and complete, at least with the existing national variety lists.

Geographic area: Target Countries for WASA and the remaining ECOWAS Countries with an existing National Variety List.

Approach: The relevant software was finalized at ISU, downloaded at INSAH/CILSS, and provided to each target country with the respective training.

This activity will include two teams, one English and one French that will visit each of the target countries and enter the information of the National list into the regional Database.

At the same time the project shall contact the national seed authorities of the other ECOWAS countries to obtain information on the status of their national lists. Based on that information collected the teams may visit selected countries to obtain the data of the existing varieties.

After each of these missions the project will ensure that the regional management office has all the information in the database to produce the catalogue.

Finally, both French and English lists will be compiled and translated to both languages.

Indicators:

- The WACPSV updated and published for the ECOWAS region

Activity 2: Establishment of a Regional Quarantine Pest List for Seed Trade

Activity objective: To compile the national technical observations on the original list and facilitate the discussion and agreement at a regional workshop.

Rationale: Having an agreed quarantine pest list will provide more transparency for seed movement within the Member States in a transparent manner and without dissemination of quarantine pests, saving resources, time and efforts.

Geographic area: ECOWAS Countries plus Chad and Mauritania

Approach: This activity will include the analysis of the national comments and conclude with a QPL at the regional workshop.

Indicators:

- A Regional Quarantine Pest List based on science agreed to for the movement of seed of the selected crops within the region

Activity 3: Review and develop perspectives on seed policy /enabling environment

Activity objective: Analysis of the regional situation on seed policy to develop the way forward for the enforcement of the technical agreements adopted at the regional harmonization.

Rationale: This component is essential for USAID-WEST Africa as they prepare the second phase of the project.

Geographic area: ECOWAS Countries

Approach: The purpose is to offer guidelines for establishing an enabling environment conducive to the further development of a strong seed sector that can deliver high quality seed to all farmers.

Indicators:

- A concept paper on seed policy for seed industry development in West Africa

III- Budget

ISU Budget			
Line Item	Y2012		
Personnel Salaries	Unit (month)	# of Unit	Total
ISU Team Leader (J. Cortes)	8,697	1.0	8,697
Resource Specialist (A. Harries)	5,023	1.5	7,535
IT Management (Y. Shyy)	7,653	1.5	11,479
Communication Specialist (R. Hendrickson)	3,164	0.5	1,582
Student English French translation	4,000		4,000
Sub Total			33,293
Benefits			
ISU Leader @ 36.3%	3,079	1.0	3,079
Resource Specialist @ 36.3%	1,778	1.5	2,667
IT Management @ 36.3%	2,778	1.5	4,167
Communication Specialist @36.3%	1,149	0.5	575
Sub Total			10,488
Travel and Lodging			
ISU Leader: 2 international trips @\$6000			12,000
Resource Specialist: 2 international trips @\$6000			12,000
IT Management: 2 international trips @\$6000			12,000
Sub Total			36,000
TOTAL			79,781
Indirect Costs @ 26%			20,743
Totals			100,252*

- This is the remaining budget amount in the WASA project