

February 1, 2012

Reference: Notice of Availability of USDA Agricultural Research Laboratories under Section 732, Public Law 112-55

Under Section 732 of Public Law 112-55, the Secretary of Agriculture may convey, with or without consideration, the Agricultural Research Service facilities listed on the attached list to the following educational institutions:

1. Land Grant institutions as defined in Section 1404(13) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977
2. 1994 Institutions, as defined in Section 532 of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994
3. Hispanic-serving agricultural colleges and universities, as defined in Section 1404(10) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977

These conveyances are subject to the requirement that (1) the recipient must be in the same state in which the property is located, and (2) agree to accept and use the property for agricultural and natural resources research for a minimum of 25 years.

In accordance with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Property Management Regulation (AGPMR) 110-75.115-5010, these properties are being screened simultaneously among USDA agencies for reassignment to another USDA agency. In the event another USDA agency expresses a mission need for one of these properties, that agency will be given priority over any non-Government recipient.

### **Application Process**

Applicants must provide the following information in this order:

1. USDA Facility being requested for transfer
2. Name of Institution
3. Institution contact person, including email address and telephone number
4. Type of institution: Land grant, 1994 Institution, or Hispanic-serving
5. Name of Institution Department that will operate the facility
6. Source of funding to operate and maintain the facility
7. Anticipated use of facility. Please be as specific as possible. In the event applications are received from two or more institutions, applications will be rated on how the proposed use will address these factors:

- a. The extent the proposed use continues the USDA strategic goals:
  - i. assist rural communities to create prosperity so they are self-sustaining, repopulating, and economically thriving
  - ii. ensure our national forests and private working lands are conserved, restored, and made more resilient to climate change, while enhancing our water resources
  - iii. help America promote agricultural production and biotechnology exports as America works to increase food security
  - iv. ensure that all of America's children have access to safe, nutritious, and balanced meals.
- b. How the anticipated use of the facility will support beginning farmers and ranchers
- c. Experience of institution in agriculture and natural resources research
- d. Financial backing of project and ability to adequately operate and maintain facility

Applications should be sent to:

U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of Procurement and Property Management  
Property Management Division  
Attn: Paul Walden  
1400 Independence Ave., SW  
Mail Stop 9304  
Washington, DC 20250

Mailed applications must be received by 5:00 PM, EST, March 17, 2012. Applications may also be sent via email, in one attachment, to [paul.walden@dm.usda.gov](mailto:paul.walden@dm.usda.gov). Email applications must be received by 5:00 PM, EST, March 17, 2012. If submitting the application via email, send in one transmission; *please do not send multiple emails*.

Also, Paul Walden is the official point of contact for all inquiries regarding these disposals. He may be reached via email at [paul.walden@dm.usda.gov](mailto:paul.walden@dm.usda.gov) or by telephone (202) 720-7283.

Sincerely,

Jodey Barnes-Edwards  
Acting Director

Enclosure

## LIST OF AVAILABLE FACILITIES

<b>1. Beaver, WV</b>		
Appalachian Farming System Research Center	No of Bldgs	
Installation Number		32121
Land (Acres Owned)		277.74
Land (Acres Leased)		15.00
Buildings Owned (Number) (Sq. Ft.)	18	64605
Buildings Leased (Number) (Sq. Ft.)	0	0
Buildings (Gross Sq. Ft. Total)		64,605
Structures-2		

<b>2. Brooksville, FL</b>		
Beef Cattle Research	No of Bldgs	
Installation Number		07322
Land (Acres Owned)		3,812.50
Land (Acres Leased)		5.00
Buildings Owned (Number) (Sq. Ft.)	21	42,633
Buildings Leased (Number) (Sq. Ft.)	0	0
Buildings (Gross Sq. Ft. Total)		42,633
Structures - 24		

<b>3. Watkinsville, GA</b>		
J. Phil Campbell, Sr., Natural Resource Conservation Center	No of Bldgs	
Installation Number		08941
Land (Acres Owned)		1069.00
Land (Acres Leased)		83.20
Buildings Owned (Number) (Sq. Ft.)	17	59,996
Buildings Leased (Number) (Sq. Ft.)	0	0
Buildings (Gross Sq. Ft. Total)		59,996
Structures - 18		

<b>4. Clemson, SC</b>		
<b>Cotton Quality Research</b>	No of Bldgs	
Installation Number		10708
Land (Acres Owned)		10.00
Land (Acres Leased)		0
Buildings Owned (Number) (Sq. Ft.)	8	25,552
Buildings Leased (Number) (Sq. Ft.)	2	31,606
Buildings (Gross Sq. Ft. Total)		57,158
Structures – 4		

<b>5. Coshocton, OH</b>		
<b>North Appalachian Experimental Watershed Research</b>	No of Bldgs	
Installation Number		08939
Land (Acres Owned)		631.70
Land (Acres Leased)		421.90
Buildings Owned (Number) (Sq. Ft.)	22	74,551
Buildings Leased (Number) (Sq. Ft.)	1	4,800
Buildings (Gross Sq. Ft. Total)		79,371

<b>6. Lane, OK</b>		
<b>Genetics and Production Research</b>	No of Bldgs	
Installation Number		62888
Land (Acres Owned)		0.00
Land (Acres Leased)		14.57
Buildings Owned (Number) (Sq. Ft.)	11	52,056
Buildings Leased (Number) (Sq. Ft.)	0	0
Buildings (Gross Sq. Ft. Total)		52,056
Structures – 6		

<b>7. Weslaco, TX</b>		
<b>Crop Quality and Fruit Insects Research, Honey Bee Research, Integrated Farming and Natural Resources Research, Beneficial Insect Research</b>	No of Bldgs	
Installation Number		11822
Land (Acres Owned)		71.86
Land (Acres Leased)		51.13
Buildings Owned (Number) (Sq. Ft.)	38	149,298
Buildings Leased (Number) (Sq. Ft.)	0	0
Buildings (Gross Sq. Ft. Total)		149,298
Structures-28		

<b>8. Fairbanks and Palmer, AK</b>		
Subarctic Agriculture Research	No of Bldgs	
Installation Number		53696
Land (Acres Owned)		0.00
Land (Acres Leased)		2.63
Buildings Owned (Number) (Sq. Ft.)	7	22,356
Buildings Leased (Number) (Sq. Ft.)	5	13994
Buildings (Gross Sq. Ft. Total)		36,710