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TO: IFAS Faculty

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SUBJECT: 2015 Call for Proposals for the Florida Tomato Committee – Fiscal Year 2015-2016

The Dean for Research Office is pleased to request proposals on behalf of the Florida Tomato Committee. The proposals must address research problems and questions important to the Florida tomato industry. The funding is awarded for one-year projects that will begin November 1st, 2015. Any UF/IFAS Faculty member is eligible to apply. This year's preferred research topics are:

1. Tomato variety improvement
2. Disease and insect management
3. Soil fumigant management systems (soil fumigation alternatives to methyl bromide, looking at proper lead times of application before planting, reaction of alternatives in sandy soils and their negative effects on certain varieties, etc.)
4. Food safety/risk mitigation practices
5. Development of methods or tools to establish "sustainability" measurements and/or "carbon footprint" matrix for tomato growers and shippers

The submission site will open on **June 15th** and close on **July 7, 2015 at 5:00pm**. To apply for this award, please go to the following website <http://researchtools.ifas.ufl.edu/tomato/> and complete the three page form. **All proposals must be submitted through this website.**

The information requested includes:

- Page 1: Cover sheet (enter the project title and the name, unit, phone number and email of the PI; you will be prompted to enter co-PI information before proceeding to Page 2).

- Page 2: Project information (enter the total budget, identification of priority area addressed and associated REEport project; the latter asks you to identify whether this project is part of an active Experiment Station (REEport) Project – either Hatch, Multi-state or McIntire-Stennis – and, if so, to provide the project number).
- Page 3: Narrative (attach a **Word** document with the following four sections: description and justification, objectives and methods, benefits to the Florida tomato industry, and detailed budget information that includes a brief justification of each expense; typical submissions are 3-5 pages, single spaced). **PDF documents will not be accepted.**

Upon submission, the lead PI should receive an immediate email confirmation, if not, please let me know. A panel composed of UF/IFAS faculty will first review the proposals and assess their scientific merit. These reviews will be submitted to the Florida Tomato Committee for their decision-making process. Funding will be announced in late September.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at slarkin@ufl.edu. If there are any IT issues with the website, please contact Brian Gray at seven7@ufl.edu or 352-392-1784.