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TO: UF/IFAS Faculty

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SUBJECT: 2017 Call for Proposals for the Florida Tomato Committee – Fiscal Year 2017-2018

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The preferred research topics are:

1. Tomato variety improvement
2. Disease and insect management
3. Soil fumigant management systems
4. Food safety/risk mitigation practices

The submission site will open on **June 5, 2017** and close on **June 30, 2017**. To apply for this award, please go to the following website <http://researchtools.ifas.ufl.edu/tomato/> and complete the two page form. The information requested includes:

- **Page 1: Cover sheet** (enter the project title and the name, unit, phone number and email of the PI – note that the lead PI must be assigned to a UF/IFAS Department or Research and Education Center; you will be prompted to enter co-PI information before proceeding to Page 2).
- **Page 2: Project information** (enter the total direct budget), identify the priority area addressed by the proposal and upload the project narrative). Note that the proposed indirect charge of 12% will be calculated automatically on the web page. The narrative should contain the following four sections: description and justification, objectives and methods, benefits to the Florida tomato industry, and budget information that includes a brief justification of each expense. **Your budget should reflect the 12% indirect cost as a separate line item that is included in your total budget.** The narratives are typically 3-5 pages and must be uploaded as a Word document (not PDF).

Upon submission, the lead PI should receive an immediate email confirmation, if not, please let me know. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [slarkin@ufl.edu](mailto:slarkin@ufl.edu). If there are any IT issues with the website, contact Brian Gray at [seven7@ufl.edu](mailto:seven7@ufl.edu) or 352-392-1784.

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.