

## FSMIP Peer Reviewer Application Instructions

March 2015

The Agricultural Marketing Service is seeking peer reviewers to evaluate FSMIP grant applications. **April 27, 2015**, is the deadline to be considered to serve during fiscal year (FY) 2015, but you may submit an application at any time to be added to our database for consideration in future years.

### **A FSMIP PEER REVIEW APPLICANT MUST:**

(1) Be employed by one of the following:

- The Federal government
- A State department of agriculture
- A land grant university or college, including an 1862, 1890 or 1994 institution
- A State university or State college, or
- A State agency such as a State department of Forestry, Energy, Natural Resources, etc.

(2) Have general knowledge of food/agricultural marketing, applied economics and/or experience working with and advising farmers and ranchers on some aspect of marketing; AND/OR

(3) Have specialized knowledge about one or more of the following:

Agriculture/Resource Economics	Rural Economic Development
Consumer Economics	Transportation/Logistics/Distribution
Extension	Sector-Specific Marketing/Economics
Food and/or Agricultural Marketing	- Aquaculture
Food Safety	- Bioenergy
Foreign Market Development/Exports	- Dairy
Labeling/Branding	- Forestry/Wood Products
Local/Regional Food Systems	- Horticulture/Nursery
New Uses for Agricultural Products	- Livestock, Meat, Poultry
Post-harvest Handling	- Specialty Crops
Product Development/Testing	Other (please specify)
Producer Training/Technical Assistance	

Before applying, please read the press release to get a general sense of the FSMIP review process and the responsibilities of a peer reviewer. Note that:

- FY 2015 FSMIP grant applicants are not eligible to serve as reviewers in FY 2015. This means you and your employer cannot be involved in any way with a FY 2015 proposal, either as the primary investigator or a partner.
- Reviewers will not evaluate proposals for which they – or their organizations – have a conflict of interest.

**TO APPLY:** Submit via email to [janise.zygmont@ams.usda.gov](mailto:janise.zygmont@ams.usda.gov) with the subject line “FSMIP Peer Review”:

(a) Your résumé;

(b) A signed *AMS Conflict-Of-Interest & Confidentiality Statement for Review Panelists*;

(c) In the body of the email message, provide:

(i) The name and category designation of your employer [see (1) above]; and

(ii) A list of the topics headings that best represents your specialized knowledge [see (3) above].