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Each year, the Mississippi Soybean Promotion Board (MSPB) solicits proposals from soybean industry members who desire funding for soybean research, education, and/or technology transfer projects. Submitted proposals are evaluated and those that are deemed to offer the greatest potential for improving the Mississippi soybean production chain are approved for funding. The objective of this process is to provide the best possible investment for checkoff dollars.

Please find the attached Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2019 MSPB funding cycle (Apr. 1, 2019–Mar. 31, 2020). If you are a leader of an institution or institutional department, or a designated representative of an organization, please forward a copy of the RFP to those in your organization who may wish to request funding for soybean-related projects in the indicated categories and/or the indicated research priority areas. If you are a proprietor of a private enterprise, please submit a proposal representing you or your business.

Please read the RFP and all addendums before starting the process. The RFP document provides all information you will need to propose a project, including budget guidelines. Addendums that provide guidelines for filing reports and invoices and addendums describing research priority areas are also included. Please keep these Addendums in your files for future use and guidance.

Please note the added GRA section on p. 6.

Do not use RFP forms and guidelines from previous years. Please also notice that all proposals are to be sent to me (with a copy to your institutional department if required) at the above email address on or before Dec. 10, 2018.

I encourage you to contact me directly if you have questions regarding any portion of the RFP.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Larry D. Heatherly