

February 4, 2010

**TEXAS PEANUT PRODUCERS BOARD
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Texas Peanut Producers Board's (TPPB) and National Peanut Board's (NPB) main priority is **Production Research** with an emphasis on increasing grower profitability.

Texas Peanut Producers Board believes this is best accomplished through comprehensive seed breeding program that achieves market acceptance with agronomic characteristics for profitable production in Texas.

Funding for research activities comes from the grower supported Texas Peanut Producers Board and National Peanut Board.

The board has selected three areas of priority and also the team leader for each area. Please contact the team leader for your area of research for direction and assistance with project submission.

PRIORITY AREAS:

1. Breeding and Genetics – Increasing Yields
Dr. Charles Simpson, Team Leader, 254-968-4144 ext 209
2. Disease Management and Education
Dr. Jason Woodward, Team Leader, w 806-746-6101 c 806-632-0762
3. Agronomics and Education
Dr. Todd Baughman, Team Leader, w 940-552-9941 ext 233

While the Board, on an individual project basis, will consider other areas of research, team projects will take precedence. Proposals requesting multi-year funding will be accepted but funding will be administered on a year by year basis.

The Board is requesting proposals for Texas Peanut Producers Board for the 2010 fiscal year and also for the National Peanut Board for the 2011 calendar year. Please specify on the first page of your request if the proposal is for 2010 TPPB or 2011 NPB.

Please note a couple of important changes; There will NOT be a research hearing as in years past. Please write your proposal in a format that can be read and clearly understood by the directors and staff of TPPB. Also, TPPB is requiring researchers to collaborate with other researchers on proposals and develop a team approach to all research. Specifically, TPPB would like to see one Breeding & Genetics proposal, one Disease Management proposal and one Agronomics & Education proposal with a research team leader named for each proposal. Funds are greatly reduced due to the reduction in peanut acres and it has become necessary for the board to develop a more efficient and strategic approach to the research program. Please be patient and bear with us as we work through the kinks in this new program.

The team leader is responsible for project submission and the following format is **required**:

1. Specify whether request is for TPPB 2010 or NPB 2011
2. Subject Area:
3. Project Title:
4. **Personnel and Agency:** *(include all contact information such as mailing address, telephone number, fax number and email address for Team Leader or Principal Investigator plus names of all collaborating researchers and agencies)*
5. Statement of Problem and Need:
6. Plan of Action: (list project objective(s) and how it will address the problem and need)
7. Duration of Project:
8. Total Budget: (list all other sources of all current grants, contracts and funding sources and all indirect costs (overhead) must be shown as cost sharing by the agency or firm of the project leader)
9. Signatures:

The total length of the proposal should be limited to no more than eight (8) pages, and typed in not less than 12-point font.

Deadline for proposals is 5:00pm (CST), March 16, 2010.

State proposals will be reviewed by the Texas Peanut Producers Board for formal prioritization and funding. For NPB requests, the Board will then forward recommendations to the National Peanut Board for approval and funding. Final approval of the NPB projects should be announced no later than January 2011.

Please submit proposals by email to Shelly Nutt at shelly@texaspeanutboard.com, Angie Martin at angie@texaspeanutboard.com, and Todd Baughman at ta-baughman@tamu.edu.

The Board looks forward to reviewing any proposals that meet the criteria and the requirements. Please call Shelly Nutt or Angie Martin at 800-734-0086 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Otis Lee Johnson
Chairman of the Board