

Challenge Program: High-Value Crops - Fruit and Vegetables

Plan and Budget Estimate for Full Proposal Development

The Working Group which contributed to the Pre-Proposal for the Challenge Program on High-Value Crops - Fruit and Vegetables will take responsibility for the development of the Full Proposal. The estimated dates for activities are shown below. The estimated cost of the proposal development is US\$360,700, of which US\$ 200,000 is requested from the CGIAR and the remainder will be made available by cash and in-kind contributions from the Working Group members and other partners.

Proposed steps and dates in development of the Challenge Program Full Proposal

- AVRDC nominates and seeks consensus from the Working Group for a Coordinator to lead the proposal development process (19 - 24 October 2007).
- The Working Group nominates distinguished scientists to lead the drafting of the contents of the four Objectives sections of the proposal (19 - 24 October 2007).
- Identification of possible stakeholders and preliminary planning of meetings for the four Objectives sections (19 - 31 October 2007).
- Confirmation of the scientists who will lead the consultations and drafting of the Objectives sections (25 - 31 October 2007).
- An independent consultant, reporting to the Coordinator, is hired to serve as both the lead author and 'Chief Editor' for preparation of the Full Proposal and Business Plan (1 November 2007).
- The leaders for each of the four Objectives sections identify members of their writing group and representative stakeholders for their respective Objective (1 -11 November 2007).
- The leaders for the four Objectives sections, the Coordinator and the Chief Editor meet to develop an outline for the overall proposal, and decide the structure and interactions among the teams authoring the four Objectives sections of the proposal (8 - 9 November 2007).
- The outline is sent to the Working Group for comment (14 November 2007).
- The Coordinator and Chief Editor review the Business Plans, Governance Models and Challenge Program External Reviews (CPEs) of existing Challenge Programs (15 - 25 November 2007).
- Members of the writing teams and stakeholders for the respective Objectives meet at a convenient location and prepare a justification and list of research priorities for their respective Objective section (19 - 21 November 2007).
- The Coordinator and Chief Editor draft an outline for a Business Plan and Governance Model for distribution to the Working Group for comment (26 November - 2 December 2007).
- A draft of the Objectives section from each respective writing group returned to the Chief Editor and Coordinator (2 December 2007).
- Objectives sections harmonized and sent to the Working Group for comment (3 - 4 December 2007).
- Comments reviewed by Objectives section writing teams and stakeholders (12 - 16 December 2007).
- Technical meeting held in Bangkok in which all writing groups are represented to discuss and complete the drafts of the four Objectives sections. The meeting will

continue for an additional day to discuss and revise the Business Plan (17 - 19 December 2007).

- Updated draft Full Proposal, including Business Plan and Governance Model sent to Working Group for comment (21 December 2007 - 4 January 2008).
- Comments from the Working Group are reviewed and revised by the leader of each Objectives section, and by the Chief Editor and Coordinator (5 - 8 January 2008).
- Updated draft Full Proposal, including Business Plan and Governance Model again sent to Working Group for comment, also for review by stakeholders and the broader scientific and development communities (9 - 15 January 2008).
- The leaders of the four Objectives sections, the Coordinator and the Chief Editor meet to finalize the Proposal, including the Business Plan and Governance Model (16 - 18 January 2008).
- Updated Full Proposal, including Business Plan and Governance Model again sent to Working Group for comment (19 - 22 January 2008).
- Final incorporation of comments, review by Chief Editor and Coordinator (23 - 30 January 2008).
- Submission of Full Proposal (31 January 2008).

Budget Estimate

Item	Description	Amount
Outside consultant as lead author and Chief Editor. 1 Nov 2007 - 31 Jan 2008	US\$600 @ 82 working days	US\$49,200
Initial Coordination Meeting of Objectives leaders, Coordinator, Chief Editor and key stakeholders. 8-9 Nov 2007	US\$2,500 @ 15 participants	US\$37,500
Meetings for the four Objectives teams to prepare justifications and research priorities lists. 19-21 Nov 2007	US\$2,000 @ 20 participants @ 4 locales	US\$160,000
Meeting of Objectives leaders, Coordinator and Chief Editor to complete first draft. 17-19 Dec 2007	US\$2,000 @ 6 participants	US\$12,000
Meeting of Objectives leaders, Coordinator and Chief Editor to prepare the final version of the Full Proposal with Business Plan. 16-18 Jan 2008	US\$2,000 @ 6 participants	US\$12,000
Supplies and contingencies		US\$10,000
In-kind contributions	Travel, salaries, overhead, etc.	US\$80,000
TOTAL		US\$360,700