



**2008 CSREES Administrative  
Officers' Conference  
Savannah, Georgia**

**Formula Funds Track --  
Kickoff**

**Breakout Sessions #7**

**Mon., 5/5/08 (1:00-2:15 pm)**



# Why an Entire Track for Formula?

- Recommendation of an Institutional Representative and Former Conference Host
  - **Overview of the entire process (Federal/State Perspective)**
  - **How to complete forms and reports**
  - **Understanding of applicable laws and regulations**
  - **Expand to on-line training modules**



# Why an Entire Track for Formula?

- **Over 50 percent of the CSREES budget**

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| – Extension Formula Grants | \$387.5M    |
| – Research Formula Grants  | 251.3M      |
| – Total CSREES Budget      | \$1,117.6 M |



## Formula Grants Track at 2008 Conference

- Eleven (11) breakout sessions
- Attend 8 or more breakout sessions
  - **Eligible for Certificate**
  - **Self-certify by completing a form on CSREES website**
    - **Submit forms**
      - [formulagrantsforms@csrees.usda.gov](mailto:formulagrantsforms@csrees.usda.gov) or
      - Fax to (202) 690-3002



## Formula Grants Track at 2008 Conference

- Certificates mailed after the conference
- Survey/evaluation will be conducted after the conference



# Challenging Year for This Effort

- **Implementing new business processes**
- **Authorizing legislation**
- **Effort to develop, revise, and/or update policies and procedures related to formula policies and procedures**
- **New but very competent and enthusiastic staff**
- **OEP restructuring**



## Formula Funds Track

- Opportunities for comments, discussions, etc.
- Both Federal and State involvement
- Address emerging issues
- Basically a pilot track



# Drivers for Formula Programs

- **Paperless environment**
- **Streamline the reporting processes**
- **Accountability and transparency**
- **Need for written and relevant policies and procedures for formula grants**



# What's New for Formula Programs

- Formula Grants vs Formula Funds
- Draft Policies and Procedures
- Communication and opportunity to provide comments
- FGOs and SF-424M Forms
  - **Procedural changes**
  - **Data integrity for FFATA**