



Letter from the Director

2017 is off to a productive start for CTSA! We held our annual Board of Director's meeting last Thursday to discuss and approve the FY16 Plan of Work. This year, we welcomed three new Board members: Rachel Novotny, Darren Lerner, and Alan Everson. I am grateful for their input at our meeting, and I look forward to working with them in this new capacity.



CTSA Board of Directors

At the meeting, the Board reviewed submitted proposals and voted to call for additional new proposals to include in the FY16 Plan of Work. The Request for Proposals is based on industry identified priority areas, and is included in this newsletter.

In addition to releasing an out-of-cycle funding opportunity, CTSA is exploring new ways to connect with and support you, our valued stakeholders. Aside from creating and sharing more of our own videos and publications, we are excited to...

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CTSA Requests Additional Proposals for FY16 Plan of Work

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FY2016 SPECIAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 Center for Tropical and Subtropical Aquaculture
 Due Monday, March 20, 2017

Due to a unique situation with the FY16 project development process and budget, the Center for Tropical and Subtropical Aquaculture (CTSA) is requesting full proposals for applied research and extension that addresses the two specific aquaculture development priorities listed below.

CTSA's mission is to support aquaculture research, development, demonstration, and extension education in order to enhance viable and profitable aquaculture in the United States. CTSA is funded by an annual grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The CTSA region includes the following areas: American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau. CTSA strongly encourages collaboration between institutions and agencies in the region, as well as shared funding of large priority projects.

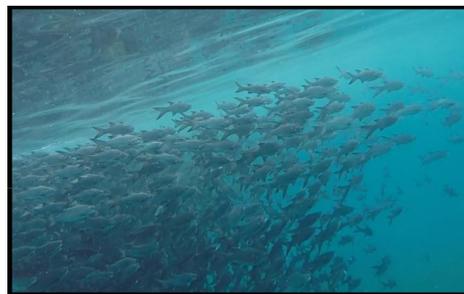
Please note: The objectives listed represent industry-identified requests and must be addressed in your proposal.

The Request for Proposals includes instructions for submission, as well as specific industry-identified objectives that must be addressed. Full proposals are due March 20, 2017...

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New CTSA Video: Sustainable Aquaculture Development in the Marshall Islands

A dependency on imported goods and low agricultural production translate into a high level of malnutrition and food insecurity in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Due to limited land and fresh water availability, and the risk of overfishing, the local government has identified marine aquaculture as a main sector to support food security.



With support from CTSA and other agencies, the government of Rongelap atoll has started a commercial aquaculture project to raise and harvest rabbitfish and moi, two popular fish throughout the region. This brief video highlights the progress of the project, which has now entered the commercialization phase...

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Free Aquaculture Webinars Available for Viewing

All 15 presentations from the USDA-funded joint USAS, NCRAC, NAA Aquaculture Webinar series were recently made available online. Links to the presentations can be found on the CTSA website...

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Request for Applications, Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program

The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is seeking grant funding applications from State governments and Public and State institutions of higher education for projects that focus on "... addressing barriers, overcoming challenges or realizing opportunities manifesting at any stage of the marketing chain including direct, wholesale, and retail.

AMS anticipates having approximately \$1 million in total available grant funds for the program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 with an award ceiling of \$200,000. Applications are due by March 27, 2017...

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AquaClip: Hawaii fish farming company shuts down after 10 years in business

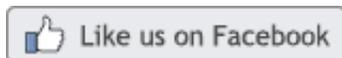
Hawaii Oceanic Technology Inc., a Honolulu-based open ocean fish farming technology company, has shut down after nearly a decade in business, Pacific Business News has learned.

Bill Spencer, CEO of the company, said in a recent letter to the state Board of Land and Natural Resources that the company's board voted to dissolve the company effective Dec. 31 and requests that its lease with the state be cancelled.

When it started, the business had planned to place 12 "Oceanspheres" on a 247-acre site in the deep waters 2.6 miles off the Kohala Coast on the Big Island.

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The Center for Tropical and Subtropical Aquaculture (CTSA) is one of five regional aquaculture centers in the United States established and funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) under grants 2012-38500-19566 and 2014-38500-22241. The regional aquaculture centers integrate individual and institutional expertise and resources in support of commercial aquaculture development. CTSA was established in 1986 and is jointly administered by the Oceanic Institute and the University of Hawaii.

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