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Letter from the Director

Aloha,

In addition to our Special RFP for FY16, CTSA is beginning preparations for the next development cycle. We will soon make a formal request of our Industry Advisory Council - and all other interested stakeholders - to provide us with industry identified priority areas for the FY17 Request for Pre-Proposals (RFP-P to be released in May).



CTSA is unique among other funding programs, as we are industry driven and rely on a wide range of stakeholders across the Pacific region to develop our annual priority areas and subsequent Plans of Work. We depend on producers to let us know what problems they face, and researchers to develop thoughtful solutions to those issues. If it appears that our funding favors a particular location, it is because partners in that area actively participate in this annual process.

I encourage all of our regional stakeholders to get involved in our process and...

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Register Now! Join CTSA at the Annual HAAA Meeting this Friday

CTSA will be one of several presenters at the Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association (HAAA) conference this Friday on Oahu. The conference will be held at Ka'ikena Restaurant on the Kapiolani Community College campus on February 24th, 2017 from 7:45 AM to 5:15 PM, and followed by a reception at the same venue.



The program for the conference is available on the CTSA website. Registration and tickets are available at Eventbrite.com. There will be no ticket sales at the door, as organizers must give a final count before the event....

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Reminder: CTSA Requests Additional Proposals for FY16

Plan of Work

Due to a unique situation with the FY16 project development process and budget, CTSA is requesting full proposals for applied research and extension that addresses the specific aquaculture development priorities of mangrove crab production and local feed development.

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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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.

CTSA Palau Milkfish Project

The CTSA funded project "Establishment of Milkfish Fry Production in Palau to Reduce Dependency on Imported Fry" has been gaining attention across the region. The newspapers *Island Times* and *The Saipan Tribune* recently featured stories about the project's success to date.

The project is in the process of producing a milkfish production manual, and will host a workshop in April...

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Registration Open for National Aquaculture Extension Conference

Registration is now open for the National Aquaculture Extension Conference, June 5-9, 2017 in Boise ID. Abstracts are due April 15, 2017.

Held approximately every five years since 1992, this unique conference provides a forum for all levels of experience in aquaculture extension education. The conference is relevant to not just extension professionals but may also be of value to other industry stakeholders...

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AquaClip: NMC Opens Aquaculture Center

The Northern Marianas College officially opened its new aquaculture development center with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The center, which will teach CNMI farmers how to cultivate fish, will be under the college's Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Service program, or CREES.

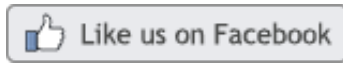
The new center used to be the CREES main building. Its roof was torn off by Typhoon Soudelor in 2015.

NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez said the aquaculture center could play a big role in the growing economy of Saipan. "We are excited to have all of you here this morning to help us open

the [aquaculture center] that aims to build and expand the CNMI's aquaculture industry so that it can develop, thrive, and become a major pillar of [Saipan's] economic stability," said Fernandez.

Source: The Saipan Tribune / [Read Full Story](#)

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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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