DATE: December 6, 2012
TO: Deans, Directors and Interested Grape and Raisin Researchers
FROM: California Raisin Marketing Board
RE: 2013-2014 Call for Research Project Proposals

The California Raisin Marketing Board (CRMB) is now accepting research proposals for FY 2013-2014. Project proposals are due January 31, 2013.

Please note our fiscal year will begin August 1, 2013 and end July 31, 2014.

The CRMB will once again be working cooperatively with the following commodity groups and funding agencies: the California Table Grape Commission (CTGC), the American Vineyard Foundation (AVF), CDFA Pierce’s Disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board, California Grape Rootstock Improvement Commission, California Grape Rootstock Research Foundation, Oregon Wine Board and Washington State Grape & Wine Research. Representatives from all of the named groups have been working together to streamline the research proposal submittal and review process. Please note all groups are using a uniform proposal format.

At present, high priority areas for raisin production research include the following:

Cultivars and Rootstocks
- Viticultural characteristics in high production systems (i.e. evaluation of how new breeding program products perform under new production systems)
- Evaluation of new cultivars
- Evaluation of new rootstocks

Cultural
- Irrigation management
- Nutrient management
- Spur position or cordon maintenance in high production systems (i.e. DOV).
- Graftability and performance of new cultivars on established systems (i.e. Selma Pete on Thompson Seedless)
- Methods that improve mechanical harvesting of grapes for raisin production
Pest and Disease Management
- Vine Mealybug
- Nematodes
- Phylloxera
- Lepidopterous insect management
- Powdery mildew management
- Trunk diseases (Eutypa, Bot canker, Esca, Phomopsis, etc.)

*The California Raisin Marketing Board requests that proposals using GMO based materials are not submitted.*

Please note:

*With the creation of the California Department of Food and Agriculture’s (CDFA) Pierce’s Disease/Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter (PD/GWSS) Board, the CRMB will not be accepting or reviewing PD/GWSS research proposals. To learn more about CDFA’s PD/GWSS Board and potential funding opportunities, please visit their website at: www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/*

Please adhere to the enclosed guidelines when submitting your proposal(s), annual progress report(s) and final report(s). For projects funded during FY 2012-2013, the CRMB will require an annual report of progress detailing the experiments undertaken and the major findings or accomplishments of the work be attached to all continuing project proposals. The due date for these reports and proposals will be January 31, 2013.

**An annual report must be attached to all continuing project proposals at the time of their submission. Continuing project proposals will not be accepted without an annual report. Please refer to the Annual Report Template enclosed.** At the time of submission please indicate whether the report is a “Progress Report” or a “Final Report” as this can affect final payment.

Our review committees will rely heavily on the information presented in the annual report to evaluate the extent of progress on the stated project objectives and determine funding recommendations. A number of committees made up of industry representatives and members of the scientific community have been asked to review and evaluate the proposals.

Please submit your proposals and reports (for continuing projects) online at [https://uvegrants.ucanr.org](https://uvegrants.ucanr.org)

**DUE DATE: JANUARY 31, 2013**
I. Project Title:

II. Principal Investigator(s):
Cooperator(s):

III. Summary:

(In 500 words or less, provide a concise summary in layman’s terms as

to the specific accomplishments for the past year. This summary

is an essential part of any research project and will be used by

the California Raisin Marketing Board (CRMB) staff and board

members to communicate research findings to the general

membership, to the press, and to others.)

IV. Objective(s) and Experiments Conducted to Meet Stated Objective(s):

V. Summary of Major Research Accomplishments and Results (by

Objective) including Conclusions:

VI. Outside Presentations of Research:

(List of journals, publications, reports, speeches and other presentations

of information developed by this research.)

VII. Research Success Statements:

(In a few sentences, detail the benefits of this research program to the

industry. This is different from the 500-word summary. The summary

covers the results from the past year; the Research Success Statements

need to quantify what the research means to the industry, e.g., “This

research has provided raisin growers with the essential tools to control…”

VIII. Funds Status:
RESEARCH PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

(Proposal should not exceed 8 pages – 12 font)

Title of Proposed Research:

Submitting Organization: Name, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address.

Award Notification to be sent to: Name, title, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address.

Payments to be sent to: Name, title, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address.

Principal Investigator(s): Include institutional affiliation, address, phone number and email address.

Cooperator(s): Include the role of each cooperator; make sure they are aware of their proposed participation.

Please State: Production or Post-Harvest Project

Objective(s) of Proposed Research: Point by point, logically arrange and prioritize the objectives.

Budget Support Summary by Objective(s): List other agencies along with the amount requested for each objective, to which this proposal, or one or more of the objectives, have been submitted for funding (CTGC, CGRIC, CRMB, AVF, CCGPRVE, etc.)

Justification and Importance of Proposed Research: Describe the previous work completed to date and the importance of the proposed research to the raisin and grape industry, or any other industry where grapes could be utilized.

Experimental Procedures to Accomplish Objective(s): For each objective, discuss the experimental procedures you propose to employ. Be specific enough to discuss plot design, anticipated statistical analysis, methods used in the experiment and parameters of data collection.

Research Timetable for Project: Outline of your research as described under Objectives of proposed research as a function of time in terms of initiating various phases of research and the target for completion.

Present Outlook and Estimated Success in Accomplishing Objective(s):
Budget Support Summary by Objective(s): For each objective, list all commodity groups/funding agencies (CTGC, CGRIC, CRMB, AVF, CCGPRVE, etc.) to which the objective(s) applies and include the amount requested from each group/agency, as well as the total amount for each objective.

Total Budget Request Summary: Although funding is granted on a year-to-year basis, continuation of projects must be justified annually. Please prepare a budget that reflects your needs for the length of the proposed project for three years. Prepare a budget page using the following format.

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*Be specific in terms of actual hours per day or week of estimated use.

**CRMB cannot cover indirect costs.

Approved: By your department chair or other officer who reviews your research for funding.

Literature Cited: Include pertinent references.