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Dear Honorable Tribal Leader,  
2024

May 10,

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) greatly values its partnerships with Tribal Nations and communities. To keep Tribal Nations abreast of APHIS activities, the APHIS Office of the National Tribal Liaison (ONTL) hosts several Tribal webinars throughout the year. The webinars are designed to promote and provide partners a better understanding how APHIS protects U.S. and Tribal agricultural and natural resources from animal and plant health issues.

We are inviting you and Tribal program personnel to attend the next APHIS Tribal Funding Opportunity Webinar,

**“FY25 Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program” on June 17, 2024, at 1:00 pm ET.**

During the webinar we will discuss the funding opportunity and how to write a suggestion for funding consideration. To allow for greater participation, we have scheduled the webinars to be delivered on 3 separate occasions at 1:00pm EDT:

- June 17, 2024
- June 21, 2024
- July 08, 2024

Under the authority of the Plant Protection Act Section 7721 (PPA 7721), USDA APHIS provides funding through the Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program and the National Clean Plant Network (NCPN) Program. Annually APHIS has funds available to state and federal agencies, Tribal nations, colleges and universities, non-profit organizations, and industry to support projects that protect specialty crops, other agricultural production, nursery systems, forestry, and other natural resources, from harmful and invasive plant pests and pathogens.

In FY24, APHIS allocated \$70.725 million to support 374 projects under PPA 7721, this includes 12 projects submitted by Tribal Nations or organizations, to strengthen the nation’s infrastructure for pest detection and surveillance, identification, threat mitigation, and safeguard the nursery production system. For FY25, APHIS will set aside up to \$4 million in PPA 7721 funding to support Tribes, Tribal organizations and universities, and minority-affiliated organizations.

The APHIS Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program provides funding to help safeguard against, detect, and respond to invasive plant pests and diseases. APHIS worked with other governmental and non-governmental stakeholders, industry organizations, the National Plant Board,

State departments of agriculture, and Tribal organizations to develop the FY25 Implementation Plan.

The FY25 plan outlines six strategic goal areas for funding projects:

1. Enhancing plant pest/disease analysis and survey;
2. Targeting domestic inspection activities at vulnerable points in the safeguarding continuum;
3. Enhancing and strengthening pest identification and technology;
4. Safeguarding nursery production;
5. Conducting targeted outreach and education; and
6. Enhancing mitigation and rapid response capabilities.

We appreciate your ongoing partnership in safeguarding our agriculture and hope you will join us for this event. If you have questions about the webinar, please contact ONTL Program Analyst Denise Salvetti at [denise.salvetti@usda.gov](mailto:denise.salvetti@usda.gov). Details on the webinar are on the following page.

Sincerely,

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Registration links for Webinars below:

<b>Registration Link:</b>			<a href="https://forms.office.com/g/M4r9V0R3aY">https://forms.office.com/g/M4r9V0R3aY</a>
Date	Time	Topic	Zoom Access
June 17, 2024	1:00 pm EDT	<b>Tribal Training for FY2025 PPA Sec 7721.</b>	<p><b>Web Join URL:</b>  <a href="https://coreshield.zoomgov.com/join/1618673170?pwd=TDlBcFYwRUVZd0FoeGQ3T2ZEZmdBdz09">https://coreshield.zoomgov.com/join/1618673170?pwd=TDlBcFYwRUVZd0FoeGQ3T2ZEZmdBdz09</a></p> <p><b>Zoom Join URL:</b>  <a href="https://coreshield.zoomgov.com/j/1618673170?pwd=TDlBcFYwRUVZd0FoeGQ3T2ZEZmdBdz09">https://coreshield.zoomgov.com/j/1618673170?pwd=TDlBcFYwRUVZd0FoeGQ3T2ZEZmdBdz09</a></p> <p><b>Meeting Password:</b> 3fq67buzd  <b>Dial-in information:</b>  +1 669-254-5252 US ()  +1 646-828-7666 US ()  <b>Meeting ID:</b> 161 867 3170</p>
June 21, 2024	1:00 pm EDT	<b>Tribal Training for FY2025 PPA Sec 7721</b>	<p><b>Web Join URL:</b>  <a href="https://coreshield.zoomgov.com/join/1618673170?pwd=TDlBcFYwRUVZd0FoeGQ3T2ZEZmdBdz09">https://coreshield.zoomgov.com/join/1618673170?pwd=TDlBcFYwRUVZd0FoeGQ3T2ZEZmdBdz09</a></p> <p><b>Zoom Join URL:</b>  <a href="https://coreshield.zoomgov.com/j/1618673170?pwd=TDlBcFYwRUVZd0FoeGQ3T2ZEZmdBdz09">https://coreshield.zoomgov.com/j/1618673170?pwd=TDlBcFYwRUVZd0FoeGQ3T2ZEZmdBdz09</a></p> <p><b>Meeting Password:</b> 3fq67buzd  <b>Dial-in information:</b>  +1 669-254-5252 US ()  +1 646-828-7666 US ()  <b>Meeting ID:</b> 161 867 3170</p>
July 08, 2024	1:00 pm EDT	<b>Tribal Training for FY2025 PPA Sec 7721.</b>	<p><b>Web Join URL:</b>  <a href="https://coreshield.zoomgov.com/join/1617489880?pwd=aTBtWkJoaWNkWE9idk0yN1JIY0NvQT09">https://coreshield.zoomgov.com/join/1617489880?pwd=aTBtWkJoaWNkWE9idk0yN1JIY0NvQT09</a></p> <p><b>Zoom Join URL:</b>  <a href="https://coreshield.zoomgov.com/j/1617489880?pwd=aTBtWkJoaWNkWE9idk0yN1JIY0NvQT09">https://coreshield.zoomgov.com/j/1617489880?pwd=aTBtWkJoaWNkWE9idk0yN1JIY0NvQT09</a></p> <p><b>Meeting Password:</b> 8gBqvkycl  <b>Dial-in information:</b>  +1 669-254-5252 US ()  +1 646-828-7666 US ()  <b>Meeting ID:</b> 161 748 9880</p>