



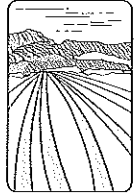
# Oregon

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June 3, 2015

The Honorable Richard Devlin, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Peter Buckley, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
900 Court Street NE  
H-178 State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301-4048

**RE: Oregon Department of Agriculture-Federal Grant Application**

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

**Nature of the Request**

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) requests retroactive permission to apply for \$30,000 in federal funding from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Pesticide Programs. The purpose of the funding is for farmworker training related to pesticide safety in the workplace. ODA proposes to fund development of a worker protection and safety training video for the greenhouse/nursery industry for both English and Spanish speaking employees working with or around pesticides. ODA became aware of this opportunity on June 2, 2015. The application deadline is June 8, 2015. The state match will be in-kind through administration of the funds and agency involvement in developing the video content. We expect that ODA's existing EPA Pesticide Cooperative Agreement would be amended to incorporate this project.

**Agency Action/Background**

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs annually enters into agreements and provides funds to states to support program activities for pesticide program development and implementation, including: education, outreach, training, technical assistance and evaluation activities. ODA's Pesticide Program has been a recipient of these funds and annually enters into a Cooperative Agreement with EPA to help implement Oregon's Pesticide Program.

Periodically, additional federal funds become available for special projects for which EPA solicits applications. ODA is eligible to apply for these funds as a participant in the EPA's National Pesticide Cooperative Agreement.



The ODA Pesticide Program proposes to work with a contractor to develop a training video for greenhouse and nursery employees on safely working with and around pesticides. The video would be made available in both English and Spanish. EPA's estimated notification of award is September 15, 2015 with projects beginning for this solicitation in October 2015.


**Action Requested**

The ODA respectfully requests retroactive authorization to apply for the federal grant opportunity from the United States EPA. The ODA will be requesting retroactive approval at the next opportunity of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

**Legislation Affected**

If the grant application is successful, ODA's federal funds expenditure limitation in the proposed 2015-2017 agency budget is sufficient for the additional federal funds provided by this grant.

Sincerely,



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