**FEED THE FUTURE INNOVATION LAB FOR LIVESTOCK SYSTEMS**

**Call for Grant Applications**

The Feed the Future Livestock Systems Innovation Lab (LSIL) is based at the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida and it works in partnership with the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI). The LSIL is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through a five-year Leader with Associates Cooperative Agreement Award **No. AID-OAA-L-15-00003**.

The aim of LSIL is to improve the nutrition, health and incomes of the poor by sustainably increasing livestock productivity and marketing and consumption of animal-source foods. This aim will be achieved using by introducing new location-appropriate technologies, by improving management practices, skills, knowledge, capacity and access to and quality of inputs across livestock value chains, and by supporting the development of a policy environment that fosters sustainable intensification and increased profitability of smallholder livestock systems.

The target countries for this RFA are Ethiopia, Nepal and Rwanda.

The Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems (LSIL) will draw on the expertise of target country, U.S. and foreign universities, institutes and organizations through competitively-funded long-term, multi-disciplinary, integrated applied research and capacity-building projects. The competitive subaward projects will address country-specific research and capacity building priorities that were developed in a participatory manner with key local and national stakeholders in each country.

**Types of Grants**

The following types of grants will be funded:

1. Reach Grants: These are longer term large grants with a project period of up to four years starting in October 2016 and a budget of up to $1,000,000.
2. Focus Grants: These are smaller grants for proof of concept studies or research for development bridging studies providing immediate or near-term (within one year) impact. These projects will last for 3 months to 1 year and will have budgets of up to $100,000.

**Request for Applications**

Please click on the following link for the RFA and supporting documents:

<http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/innovation/lab.shtml>

**Important Dates**

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| Release date | May 25, 2016 |
| Deadline for submission of written questions  | June 3, 2016 |
| Posting of responses to written questions | June 10, 2016 |
| Deadline for submission of **Reach** grant concept notes | June 23, 2016 |
| Deadline for submission of selected **Reach** grant concept notes as full proposals | August 5, 2016 |
| Deadline for submission of **Focus**grant proposals | July 2, 2016 |

**Submission Guidelines**

All Concept Notes and Full Proposals must be submitted via the Piestar website at <https://proposals.piestar.com/login>. You will need to create an account at <https://proposals.piestar.com/opportunities/livestock> and follow the detailed submission instructions. If you have technical difficulties with submission click on “Help.”

**Contact Information**

To contact LSIL, please send an email to livestocklab@ufl.edu