

UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION - 2005

RESOLUTION: 3 APPROVED

SOURCE: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SUBJECT MATTER: CAPITAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ANIMAL HEALTH, IN AMES, IOWA

DATES: Hershey, Pennsylvania – November 3-9, 2005

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Through the support of the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) and other customers and stakeholders, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) received funding from Congress for modernizing facilities for the National Centers for Animal Health (NCAH), which is comprised of the USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS), National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) and Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB) and Agricultural Research Services' (ARS) National Animal Disease Center (NADC) in Ames, Iowa. The \$58.8 million included in the FY06 budget will complete the \$460.77 million requested for the design and construction of the facilities. It is anticipated that the modernization projects will be completed during calendar year 2009 with state-of-the-art facilities to support the work conducted at NCAH. To the extent possible, equipment in the existing facilities will be moved and used in the new facilities. However, \$25 million is needed during FY08 for capital equipment that was not included as part of the construction budget for the new laboratory and animal buildings.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) urges the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) to request \$25 million in FY08 for capital equipment needs for the National Centers for Animal Health (NCAH) in Ames, Iowa.

RESPONSE:

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE, VETERINARY SERVICES (APHIS-VS)

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) are in the process of refining the original itemized listing of capital equipment needed for the National Centers for Animal Health in Ames, Iowa. The re-use of existing capital equipment will be included in the evaluation process to arrive at a more accurate accounting of needs. The revised projection, along with documentation to substantiate that estimate, will be forwarded to the APHIS and ARS Administrators for inclusion in the FY 2008 budget.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE (ARS)

ARS fully supports efforts to complete the modernization of our National Centers for Animal Health. The equipment needs are met through research program funds and not the constructions budget. ARS is cognizant of instrument and equipment needed and will do everything we can to see that the research program is funded at a level to meet these needs. Construction of High Containment Large Animal Facilities began in the fall of 2003 and is progressing with a target for completion set for early 2007. Design of the Phase 2 Consolidated Laboratory is progressing and ground breaking occurred in October of 2005. The target for completion is the end of 2008.