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Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 4:34 PM
To: Nick T. Place; Criss, Jeremy
Cc: Constance Boone; Loretta P. Carstens; Thomas H. Miller; Richard M. Walter
Subject: RE: Ag Educator Position for Montgomery, Frederick and Howard Cluster
Nick, Jeremy and Rick:

Thanks.

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From: Nick T. Place
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 4:11 PM
To: Criss, Jeremy
Cc: Cheng-I Wei; Constance Boone; Loretta P. Carstens; Thomas H. Miller; Richard M. Walter; Nick T. Place
Subject: RE: Ag Educator Position for Montgomery, Frederick and Howard Cluster

Hello Jeremy

Thanks for helping to move this forward. And, I'd ask that you work with Rick on these next steps. We'll wait to hear back from you & Rick; at which time we'll follow-up with next steps of discussion and developing a memorandum of agreement related to this position.
Best regards, Nick

From: Criss, Jeremy [mailto:Jeremy.Criss@montgomerycountymd.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 3:25 PM
To: Nick T. Place
Cc: Cheng-I Wei; Constance Boone; Loretta P. Carstens; Thomas H. Miller; Richard M. Walter
Subject: RE: Ag Educator Position for Montgomery, Frederick and Howard Cluster

Hello Nick,

Thank you for the message below and the support from the UME.
I will work with the representatives in Howard and Frederick Counties to obtain a written level of commitment with the specific period of time and report back to you.
Please understand that both Howard and Frederick Counties did not include this position or the local funding in their FY 2013 budgets that starts on July 1, 2012.
It was for this reason that Montgomery County offered to fund the Howard and Frederick Counties share of local funding for FY 2013 only.
It is my understanding that elected officials in both Howard and Frederick Counties are questioning the need for the Agronomy Educator Position.
I will do my best to present the case and obtain the necessary commitments to move this position forward.
Thanks again and I look forward to working with you and the UME to further expand the Extension partnership in the Central MD Cluster.
Jeremy

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Subject: Ag Educator Position for Montgomery, Frederick and Howard Cluster

Dear Jeremy,
Dean Wei and I met this morning and one of the topics we discussed was the creation of a new Agronomic Educator position for the Montgomery, Frederick and Howard County Cluster. Both Dean Wei and I are committed to working with you and these three counties for this position, and we will plan to invest UME carryover funds into this position. We would ask that you work with the other counties and provide in writing the level of commitment over what period of time that each of the counties will make toward this position. Then we suggest that the core group get together to determine how these four sources (the three counties and UME) of funds can best be leveraged together for this position. We would like to get this completed by this summer, so once we hear back from you, we'd suggest that we move forward soon on these next steps in order to get this position advertised and filled.

Thank you,
Nick Place

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