National Swine Health Biosecurity Review
Request for Proposals

DEADLINE: Tuesday, April 14th, 2020 – 5:00 pm CST

The American Association of Swine Veterinarians, National Pork Board, National Pork Producers Council and Swine Health Information Center are asking for proposals to identify gaps in U.S. pork industry national biosecurity that could result in the entry and domestic dissemination of diseases foreign to the U.S. pork industry.

The U.S. pork industry is complex. Categories for consideration of study include, but aren’t limited to, foreign imports, entry of foreign travelers, transportation of animals, common inputs to production and domestic market channels. Examples of national biosecurity issues within these categories could include the safety of imported feed components and other common production inputs, the movement of trucks and animals between production phases and to markets, the approved movements between markets of market sows, the activity of and potential commercial pig interaction with feral pigs, legal feeding of plate waste containing meat and other factors that will need to be identified to fulfill the project. It will the responsibility of the successful proposal to define the specific issues to include.

The objective of this review is to identify biosecurity gaps that could result in the importation and dissemination of diseases foreign to the U.S. pork industry and to objectively prioritize those gaps based on their potential to result in the introduction and spread of swine diseases. The final report will be shared with state and federal animal health officials, pork producers, veterinarians and allied industries for actions needed to address the prioritized gaps.

Proposals are to be submitted to the National Pork Board via the Pork Board website at https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_189?SA=SNA&FID=35126 in the standard Word, National Pork Board research proposal format and to include a detailed budget and timeline sufficient to fulfill the scope of the project. Proposals detailing thorough work done on a shorter timeline will be given preference. The deadline for submitting the written proposals for initial review is 5:00 PM CST, April 14, 2020. Submitters whose proposals are selected for final review will be required to present the proposal and answer questions via a webinar with pork industry reviewers. For questions, contact either Dr. Dave Pyburn, dpyburn@pork.org or Dr. Paul Sundberg, psundberg@swinehealth.org.