

AgNIC Specific Cooperative Agreements – Content Building Projects

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What ARE Specific Cooperative Agreements?

- Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) authorized by 7 USC 3318(b)
- Legally binding agreement between ARS and a partner for a jointly planned, executed, and funded research program or project, not to exceed 5 years

Requirements

- For NAL -
 - Have the legal authority
 - Project must have relevance to ARS program such as NAL
 - Must have common interest
 - Must contribute in-house resources
 - Must have substantial involvement in the performance and accountability

Requirements

- For the project Partner
 - Jointly develop the plan
 - Jointly develop the budget
 - Contribute “in-kind” resources to the project
 - Be accountable
 - Provide progress reports
 - Manage intellectual property

What it this cannot be used for

- Hire staff to replace Federal staff
- Fund construction projects
- Modify or improve real property
- Directly support an ARS [NAL] employee
- Pay the travel costs of ARS [NAL] employee
- Purchase equipment for ARS

AgNIC Purpose

- Build full-text content which helps to support the NDLA
- Kick-start new partners to get site “off the ground”
- Work to establish and implement standards – such as the NALT, metadata, digitizing
- Create metadata – which feeds into AGRICOLA which facilitates broad access to agricultural information and full-text
- Exploring how to work together to establish deep, rich collections