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The Honorable Michael O. Johanns
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Jamie L. Whitten Building, Rm. 200-A
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Dear Secretary Johanns,

The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board's (the Board) Ad Hoc Task Force for the National Agricultural Library (NAL) conducted a review of NAL's ability to deliver essential information services for the Department, the Land-Grant university community and other interested parties during and subsequent to the Board's meeting in March of 2007.

Enclosed for your consideration is a report with recommendations of the Task Force which has been reviewed and accepted by the full NAREEE Board. The Board believes that the suggestions offered will improve the NAL's ability to meet its increasing role as the Nations primary provider of agricultural research and educational information. As always, I remain available to discuss our findings with you at any time.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



Martin A. Massengale
Chair

Enclosures

cc: Deputy Secretary Conner
Under Secretary for REE Buchanan
U.S. House and Senate Agriculture and Appropriations committees/subcommittees