

**IPM Partnership Grants
Reporting Guidelines**
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Progress and final project reports enable the Center to encourage IPM adoption, promote IPM research and extension, report to the USDA on our funding programs, ensure fiscal responsibility, improve our grant programs, and above all, tell stakeholders and partners about your work.

Reports will be added to your project information in the public search engine of the Center's grant system (<http://projects.ipmcenters.org/Northeastern/public/searchProjects.cfm>), and will be passed on to the Interagency IPM Project Database (<http://projects.ipm.gov/>). Please note that we are currently entering data on Co-PDs and project dates, linking to proposals, and entering the summary and objective sections from proposals.

Final reports are due officially 60 days after the end date of your funding. (Bear in mind, however, that the final invoice on your project will not be reimbursed until your final report has been accepted at the Northeastern IPM Center.) If you have received a no-cost extension of your project, that will change the due date of your final report. If this is the case and your project is continuing past one year, a progress report is due at the end of each year of your funding.

If you have questions about reporting content, contact Linda Madeo, Grants Manager, lws2@cornell.edu, 607-254-1535. If you need technical assistance with the grant system, contact Kevin Judd, kaj57@cornell.edu, 607-255-4726.

To complete your report:

1. Prepare a narrative according to the Report Sections instructions that start on the next page. Use whichever word processing or other software you prefer.
2. Convert that report to a PDF file that you will upload to our site. If you have supplementary materials such as posters, slide presentations, publications, or photographs, you can also upload those (either within your main report, or as separate appendices). Appendices also must be converted to PDF files.
3. Log in to the Center's grant reporting system (<http://projects.ipmcenters.org/Northeastern/>) using your email address and password. If you did not create an account yourself last fall, one was created for you when your prior grant information was entered into the database. You can use the password reminder on the login page to have your password sent to your email address.
4. Follow the links to your Partnership project, and follow the link for submitting your report. You can save a partial report and return to it later before submitting the final version. Draft reports will be listed with your projects but will not appear on the searchable public side of the site until you submit the final version.

5. Copy and paste the text from your Outcomes section into the separate Outcomes text field. Use only plain text; bullets and other formatting may not display properly. Separate paragraphs with two carriage returns. If your text refers to figures, tables, or appendices that are included in your full report, but which you cannot paste into the text field, you can refer to them as part of the full report e.g., (Appendix 1, included in the full report). Be sure to click the “Save This Section” button. You can edit the text in this section later if necessary.
6. Repeat this procedure to paste the text from your Impacts section into the separate Impacts text field. Be sure to click the “Save This Section” button below the text field. The information in these two text fields is displayed with your project information on the Center’s website and will be uploaded to the Interagency IPM Projects Database.
7. Upload your full report file and any appendices one at a time. First enter a title for the file, then browse for it, then upload the file.
8. You may pause at any time and return to the report later. (Follow the link near the bottom of the page entitled “Return to Project Director Page and Submit Final Report Later”). When you click the button for “Submit Final Report - No Further Editing,” your report is complete and will be displayed with your project description. You should receive a confirmation email message within a few minutes of submitting the file, and the status of your report will change on the page that lists all your active projects.

Report Sections

Please use 12-point or larger type and one-inch margins. Please use the reporting section names in bold below as subheadings, but do not copy the instructions into your report. Please do not add headers or footers to your document.

Program: Partnership

Project Title: insert title

Project Type: insert IPM Working Groups, IPM Issues, or Regional IPM Communications

Project Director: insert name, institution

Co-PDs: if applicable, insert name, institution; name, institution, etc.

Start Date: insert date

End Date: insert date

Funding: \$ insert total funding

Funds leveraged as a result of this project (e.g., additional grants received for this work):

Number of People Reached as a result of this project:

Summary

A non-technical overview of the project, briefly outlining its context and key components, written to a lay audience.

Problem, Background, and Justification

This information can be summarized from the same section of your original proposal. Please limit this section to 500 words. This section should address topics such as:

1. What is the economic importance of any crop or commodity being studied? (e.g., value of industry in state or Northeast region; ranking of crop in importance to state or Northeast region)
2. What are the economic, public health, and/or environmental impacts of the pest(s) you have studied? (e.g., economic losses on an annual basis)
3. What are the environmental, health, or economic risks associated with non-IPM methods of controlling the pest(s)? (e.g., impacts of pesticide use)
4. What is the particular reason for your study? (e.g., conventional pest-control strategies no longer work; beneficial insects are being harmed by available pest-control options; lack of training or implementation of new IPM tactics)

Objectives

This information can be copied or summarized from the same section of your original proposal. If your objectives have been modified from the original proposal (other than modifications due to partial funding of your proposal already agreed to by the Director, Steve Young or the Grants Manager, Linda Madeo), please explain those changes here. **For your report to be accepted, you will need to explain your progress on each of the objectives you proposed in your application.**

Approach and Procedures

This information can be summarized from the same section of your original proposal. Briefly, in 1–2 paragraphs, describe your actual approach, the methods used, and the overall design of your project.

Progress

Describe, in 1–2 paragraphs, the progress made on your project during the past year. For certain Partnership Grant project types, some specific instructions are noted below. If information in this section can be viewed as an outcome or impact, please feel free to repeat or summarize information in the Outcome or Impact sections below.

For Working Groups: Provide names, affiliations, and contact information of all members here or in an appendix to which you refer here. Describe the progress made by your working group in the past year, especially as it relates to the objectives listed above. Include meeting dates, how you communicated (teleconferences; face-to-face); how you arrived at priorities; and any challenges encountered. Provide research and extension priorities from your group here or in an appendix to which you refer here.

For Regional IPM Communications: Provide links to websites and online publications. For print publications, provide a link to a PDF version, attach a PDF file, or send a paper copy to the Center. Provide a brief explanation of how your publication was and will be distributed (you can also summarize distribution in the Outcomes section below). Be sure you have followed the brief manual titled “Guidelines for Center-funded Communications Projects,” linked from <http://www.northeastipm.org/grant-programs/ipm-center-grants/ipm-partnership-grants/>.

Breakdown of leveraged funds and people reached (required)

Provided the amounts of leveraged funding and the funder for the leveraged funds listed in the grant information above. Also, provide a breakdown of people reached by listing each outreach event (e.g. publication; website; training) and the number of people reached for each event.

Outcomes (Please copy and paste into the special “Outcomes” section in addition to providing this information in the body of your report.

Summarize your results in several paragraphs. Include a discussion of any unexpected events that seem noteworthy. In addition, please provide information about outputs and deliverables from your project. For example, list any publications, presentations, websites, workshops, etc. (provide links or attach files, if appropriate). Did this grant serve as seed money for obtaining additional, related grants? Has your project or study enhanced collaboration among stakeholders interested in the development and implementation of improved IPM strategies and systems?

Impacts (Please copy and paste into the special “Impacts” section in addition to providing this information in the body of your report.

Describe and assess the impacts of your project to date. This section of your report will help the Northeastern IPM Center highlight the value of IPM research and education and the real-world impacts of funded projects. The relevance of each question may vary depending on whether yours is a research or extension project. Please answer as many as you can to the best of your ability, and feel free to discuss any impacts not mentioned below. If you included a logic model in your proposal or have completed one since then, you may include it in your report or as an appendix to the report.

Safeguarding human health and the environment:

Are there new IPM practices that have been or could be adopted as a direct result of your project? What is the total number of acres (or homes, schools, greenhouses, nurseries) on which these practices could be implemented?

Has the project reduced risk (or could it potentially do so) by changing the use of pesticides on farms, or in homes, schools, etc.? For example, could it result in fewer sprays per season and/or a switch to lower-risk pesticides? Since there is no unanimous definition of high and low risk, investigators selecting this indicator are asked to categorize the pesticides they are reporting on as high or low risk according to the particular situation (e.g., lower risk to natural enemies of pests).

Are there any other impacts on human health or the environment as a result of your project?

Economic benefits:

What is (or could be) the economic benefit (e.g., dollars saved) for clientele who adopt IPM strategies and systems you studied? Do you envision potential commercialization or mass production of these systems?

How many IPM personnel might be employed as a result of your work? (e.g., private consulting services, nursery operators, food service growers)

How many clients are satisfied with IPM results (such as improved yield, quality of yield, reduced pest populations, more effective pest control, greater preservation of non-pest species)?

Are there other financial benefits that might be realized as a result of your project?

Implementation of IPM:

How many IPM strategies and systems have been validated through this project (e.g., through on-farm trials, large plot tests, and other methods used to confirm efficacy)?

How many educational materials were delivered? To whom?

What is the number of growers/personnel trained?

For a website, what volume of traffic and type of use has the site experienced? (For example, # visitors per day/month; # page views; # of unique user sessions; change in volume during growing season; average viewing time)

How many more people adopted IPM practices as a direct result of your project, or how many people adopted new IPM practices?

Are there other ways in which your work will result in improved use or increased implementation of IPM strategies in your region or across the Northeast?

Appendices

If you have appendices, include a numbered or lettered list in this section. Appendices can be saved either in the same electronic file as your main report (separated by page breaks), or as separate files. All files must be converted to PDF format for uploading. If you need assistance with file conversion, contact us.