

GUIDELINES

BUDGET AND ACCOUNTABILITY **FOR STATE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICES** **PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING PROGRAMS**

Situation: The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, provides for cost-sharing by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of Pesticide Applicator Training (PAT). The amended FIFRA states:

Section 23, STATE COOPERATION, AID AND TRAINING.

- (a) Cooperative Agreements, —...Effective with the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1978, there are authorized to be appropriated annually such funds as may be necessary for the Administrator to provide through cooperative agreements an amount equal to 50 percent of the anticipated costs to each State or Indian tribe, as agreed to under such cooperative agreements, of conducting training and certification programs during such fiscal year. If funds sufficient to pay 50 percent of the cost for any year are not appropriated, the share of each State and Indian tribe shall be reduced in a like proportion in allocating available funds.

- (c) Information and Education,—...The Administrator shall, in cooperation with the Secretary of Agriculture, use the services of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) to inform and educate pesticide users about accepted uses and other regulations made under this Act.

In accordance with the “Memorandum of Agreement Between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture of June 14, 1972,” and subsequent amendments, CSREES has established an Interagency Agreement for training with EPA as noted in Section 23 above, as amended, on behalf of the State Cooperative Extension Services. CSREES has coordinated the training program with the State Cooperative Extension Services with the concurrence of EPA, by distributing and administering EPA “pass-through” funds on a formula basis, and has on file “Plans of Work” from each State Cooperative Extension Service for pesticide applicator training.

The State Cooperative Extension Services are encouraged to coordinate training activities with State Lead Agencies and to ensure that all training is compatible with Federal and/or State administered certification programs. Beginning with Fiscal Year 1991, the Interagency Agreement stipulates that the training must address requirements for certification as defined in 40 CFR 171.

Objectives: The purposes of the PAT Program are to help assure the proper, effective, and safe use as well as storage and disposal of pesticides; to assist both private and commercial applicators in meeting the initial and continuing standards of certification to apply restricted use pesticides; and to address adverse risks associated with pesticide misuse and consequences of pesticide drift. Emphasis should be placed on personal safety, protection of the environment, prevention of pesticide drift, endangered species, water quality, and food safety.

Allowable Costs: No expenditures can be charged to the PAT Program that do not directly relate to the objectives above and that are not reasonably moderate in comparison with national averages. Restrictions that apply to Smith-Lever, Section 3(d), funds apply to the “pass-through” funds. No overhead shall be charged to the Federal funds or as contribution of the State Cooperative Extension Service in determining funding assistance levels.

Funds allocated for the EPAT-PAT program are available for expenditure during the fiscal year in which they are allocated plus one additional fiscal year.