



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-14-051**

Farm and Foreign  
Agricultural  
Services

TO: All Approved Insurance Providers  
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices  
All Other Interested Parties

Risk  
Management  
Agency

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SUBJECT: Notice of Intent for the Research and Development of A Poultry Business  
Interruption Program

**BACKGROUND:**

Section 522(c)(1) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act) allows the Risk Management Agency (RMA) to conduct activities or enter into contracts to carry out research and development. Section 522(c)(2)(B) of the Act requires that RMA consult with groups representing producers of agricultural commodities that would be served by the policies that are the subject of research and development efforts. Section 522(c)(21)(B) of the Act provides, "The Corporation shall offer to enter into a contract or cooperative agreement with an institution of higher education or other legal entity to carry out research and development regarding a policy to insure the commercial production of poultry against business interruptions caused by integrator bankruptcy".

**ACTION:**

RMA plans to issue a solicitation for a contract for the research and development of a crop insurance product for poultry business interruption. RMA is seeking any preparatory input from interested parties about the level of interest from the industry, availability of private insurance products covering poultry business interruption, or any other relevant issues that should be considered when carrying out the research and development for any potential program development regarding poultry business interruption.

Please address correspondence concerning Poultry Business Interruption research by **December 5, 2014** to Jaime Padget, Product Design Branch at [jaime.padget@rma.usda.gov](mailto:jaime.padget@rma.usda.gov) or mail to:

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**DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2014.