



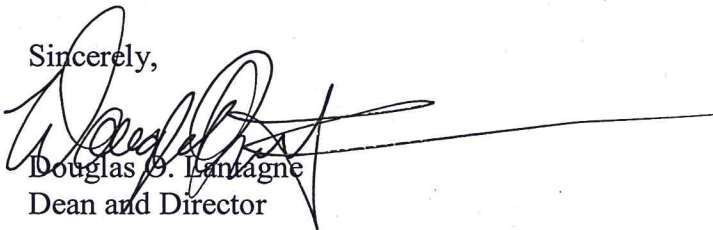
The University of Vermont

May 30, 2014

Dear USDA/NIFA,

I approve the submission of “The Multidisciplinary Vermont Extension Implementation Program Addressing Stakeholder Priorities and Needs for 2014-2017” as the official application from University of Vermont for the Crop Protection and Pest Management Competitive grants program. The overall goal of the Vermont IPM Program is to reduce economic, health, and environmental risks associated with pest management activities in the following areas of emphasis using a multidisciplinary approach: IPM in Agronomic Crops; IPM in Specialty Crops; IPM in Communities and IPM support for Pest Diagnostic Facilities. These areas are extremely well matched with the expertise and capacity at the University of Vermont (UVM). In addition, these specific IPM programs will involve extensive collaboration with grower associations, state/federal agencies, and regional and national institutions to improve the adoption and implementation of IPM practices to benefit a wide variety of Vermont stakeholders.

Sincerely,



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