South Carolina CORN BOARD

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To Whom It May Concern,

The South Carolina Corn Board (SCCB) is soliciting proposals that may benefit South Carolina corn farmers and/or the corn industry in the state. Proposals should be completed using the following provided templates. Be sure to read all fine print on each template, ensuring that all the applicable questions are addressed, and the document formatting is accurate.

Proposals are due by **Thursday, January 14, 2027,** and should be submitted via email to CornCheckoff@sccornandsoy.org. Only one file per proposal should be uploaded or submitted.

Funding requests should only be for one (1) year, with work being completed from February 1, 2027 – January 31, 2028. Quarterly reports will be submitted via email to CornCheckoff@sccornandsoy.org. Prior to submission, reports should be saved as a pdf document using the following naming convention; 2027Date(2027MMDD)_(PI Last Name)_(Abbreviated Project Title)_FN/POP. For further clarification, please see the note on the bottom of page two of the "SC_Corn_Proposal_Template_2027" file provided.

Please note the following: the Board will not fund overhead or fixed assets nor will the Board pay Graduate Assistant Differential (GAD) for a graduate student whose salary is being funded in any part by the SCCB. The SCCB does not pay for the principal investigator salaries/benefits, overhead, or capital equipment.

Researchers or project managers are asked to acknowledge funding from farmer assessment dollars as often as possible, including at field days, in publications, and so on. Funding decisions will be made at the discretion of the farmer-led SC Corn Board. If a project is approved by the Board, a research or project agreement will need to be developed or updated acceptable to both parties.

The Board will consider proposals **on Thursday, January 21, 2027, at 9:00am** in Columbia, SC. Those submitting proposals will be notified no later than Tuesday, January 19, 2027, if the board would like to hear an in-person or Zoom presentation regarding the proposal. Each institution that received funding from the South Carolina Corn Board for projects in 2026 will also be expected to give a brief project summary report. ***A concise, written final project summary should also be submitted by Thursday, January 14, 2027. Reports should be written using the provided template – SC_Corn_Final_Template. Summaries should be written in a way that is easy for our farmer audience to understand and apply.*** Summaries should be saved as a pdf document.

On behalf of the South Carolina Corn Board, I would like to thank you and your teams for your service to the South Carolina corn industry and its farmers. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone at 803-422-7889 or by email at Bennett@SCCornandSoy.org

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Best Regards,

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