

E. State Network Project Goals, Supporting Objectives
F. State Network Project Procedures

Goal 1: Serve as the state network project hub for pest management communication in New England.

Objective 1. Continue development and operation of the PRONewEngland.org website.

Procedures for Objective 1.

a. Provide bi-weekly updates of New England pest management news and event listings. Increase the participation of pest management program organizers as sources for event listings through the publicity campaign to increase awareness of the PRONewEngland.org website, combined with a monthly canvass in each state by the project state liaison for new listings.

b. Maintain and continue development of the PRONewEngland.org contact and information directories. Continue regular checks of link integrity through the site analysis function of FrontPage 2003 and Server 2003 operating system. Continue searching for alternative online sources pertinent to New England pest management concerns to improve the information directory page listings (see <http://pronewengland.org/proinfo.htm>). Expanding the lists is NOT the objective, the objective is to provide a concise list of the best resources available.

c. Maintain and update the Fact Sheet Finder searchable database New England pest management online publications. Maintain active current links to all publications as pages inevitably move or are replaced; include additional publications as they become available.

d. Update the PRONewEngland.org directories of private and public stakeholder groups with current contact names, email, phone number, and mailing addresses. This will be included as part of the January census of stakeholder priorities. Complete individual state 'Pest buster' directories of first responder contacts for pest management queries (see <http://pronewengland.org/propeople.htm>). Contact pages for Maine and Vermont are already online, partial or complete information has been collected for the Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island pages, which are under construction. Connecticut has not yet submitted contact names. Continue forwarding comments submitted to the feedback databases through the PRONewEngland.org dialogue forms to the state and federal government agencies and university programs to which they were addressed, for examples, see <http://pronewengland.org/PROFeedback.htm>.

This work will be done or supervised by project Co-Director Glen Koehler who will continue as PRONewEngland.org webmaster, leveraging the infrastructure and experience gained in developing and operating the site since its inception.

Goal 2. Engage New England stakeholders in identifying IPM priorities.

Objective 2. Organize a meeting of state pesticide regulatory agency and IPM program representatives from each of the New England states with NEPMNet state liaisons and EPA Region 1 staff to explore ways to coordinate existing programs and discuss potential for new efforts. (A mail survey of all private and public sector pest management organizations and programs in New England asking for their input on pest management priorities is already in progress for January 2006).

Procedures for Objective 2.

Alan Eaton, the project liaison for New Hampshire, will organize a one day meeting at a convenient central location (e.g. Portsmouth, NH) with enough funds to cover room rental, a working lunch, and overnight stays for those who need it. Car mileage will be reimbursed for non-project participants. These will include at least one representative from the pesticide regulatory agency for each of the New England states, and invited guest from EPA Region I staff. Federal EPA staff may be invited if deemed useful to the discussion. IPM coordinators from each of the New England states will be invited. All New England Pest Management Network liaisons will attend and pay for travel out of their liaison funds. The agenda will be developed cooperatively among participants beforehand, It will address ways in which existing pesticide regulatory and pest management programs can cooperate across institutional and state lines to increase efficiency, remove impediments to better client service, and search for ways to synergize efforts. A non-participating note taker will record discussion points. Participants will end the day by voting on a list of recommended action steps. A final report will record major points raised and the prioritized action steps. Some topics that have already been raised in prior stakeholder meetings is the need for simplification of licensing for pest control operators who work in multiple New England states, better coordination of training and recertification credit opportunities, regional cooperation for Section 18 and 24C label requests to EPA, and harmonization of pesticide label interpretation within New England.

Goal 3. Act as the primary responder to federal agency information requests, serve as liaison between the Northeastern IPM Center and the New England stakeholder community.

Objective 3. Represent New England in regulatory decisions through prompt regional responses to EPA and USDA pest management queries; represent the Northeastern IPM Center to New England stakeholders; represent New England to the Northeastern IPM Center

Procedures for Goal and Objective 3.

Each state liaison will pursue all EPA and USDA pest management queries received from the Northeastern IPM Center. In addition to sending stakeholder responses to the designated contact person for a query, state liaisons will send a copy to Pat Hastings of the NEIPMC for use in tracking state performance. To distinguish stakeholder disinterest from lack of communication, each state liaison must show evidence of contact to potentially interested stakeholders, and report positive or negative responses to Pat Hastings.

Northeastern IPM Center activities and funding opportunities will be publicized through the PRONewEngland website and through state liaison interactions with stakeholders. State liaisons will provide financial administration for projects funded by the Northeastern IPM Center

at their universities and attached to the New England Pest Management Network (NEPMNet) contract. This facilitation has been completed or in progress for five such contracts initiated in 2004 and 2005, with two new attached awards in 2006.

For the five states participating as subcontractors to Maine, financial oversight will consist of authorizing payments to those projects as sub-contractors. Financial authorizations for attached projects within the subcontractor states will require approval by the NEPMNet state liaison before being forward to the University of Maine Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, who will in turn require authorization from Co-PD James Dill for payment. The University of Maine will therefore serve as the interface between the Northeastern IPM Center financial office at Penn State University and all contracts issued to the six New England state land grant universities. While NEPMNet will provide financial oversight for attached projects, those contractors will issue reports directly to the Northeastern IPM Center.

State liaisons will facilitate projects funded by the Northeastern IPM Center with mailing lists, survey data, stakeholder contacts and review of draft documents for applicability to their state.

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H. State Network Project Probable Duration: 12 months from time of contract finalization.

I. State Network Project Evaluation Plans

OBJECTIVES	Performance Rating & Documentation
Objective 1. Continue development and operation of the PRONewEngland.org website.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bi-weekly news and event updates - Contact and resource directory development and maintenance - Fact sheet database maintenance - Monitor client use of the site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Percentage of bi-weekly news and event updates completed. - Filtering of dead/moved links from the resource directory pages and fact sheet database links; addition of new resources as they become available. - Website traffic analysis for number of visits, unique, visitors, page views, average visitor session duration.
Objective 2. Organize a meeting of state pesticide regulatory agency, IPM program, and NEPMNet representatives from each of the New England states with EPA Region 1 staff to explore opportunities for better program coordination.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting, organized by Alan Eaton, UNH, held with adequate institutional participation as defined on page 5. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final report submitted.
Objective 3 Represent New England in regulatory decisions through prompt regional responses to EPA and USDA pest management queries; represent the Northeastern IPM Center to New England stakeholders.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forwarding of EPA, USDA queries to appropriate stakeholders, report negative or positive responses to Pat Hastings - Represent Northeastern IPM Center to New England stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Percentage of responses reported within allotted turn-around time. - NEPMNet representative attendance at Northeast IPM Center Advisory Council meeting.

Timeline for State Network Project Objectives

January 2006 – Mail survey to stakeholder organizations and programs (activity from 2005 project.)

Ongoing – Biweekly PRONewEngland.org site maintenance and updating.

Ongoing – EPA-USDA queries forwarded to appropriate stakeholder groups, negative or positive responses reported back to project coordinator.

November 15 – State pesticide regulatory agency, IPM program, NEPMNet, EPA Region 1 coordination meeting held.

December 15 – Report from coordination meeting submitted.