

Request for National Project Ideas for 2024

The Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative (PERC) requests ideas for new educational resources/projects to serve stakeholders' national needs. Your ideas will be considered by the PERC Advisory Board and may result in a formal solicitation for development. Project ideas may be related to:

- The Worker Protection Standard (WPS) (40 CFR Part 170),
- The Certification & Training of Pesticide Applicators (40 CFR Part 171), and/or
- Other pesticide-related topics

Projects may include brochures, fact sheets, posters, videos, manuals, exams, mobile apps/tools, web content, and/or other items. These materials need to educate people and potentially prevent pesticide exposure incidents that may affect the environment, the public, pesticide applicators and/or their families. A list of projects that have been completed or that are currently underway is listed <a href="https://example.com/here/broches

As an example, you may wish to propose a category manual/exam needed to comply with new $\underline{C\&T}$ Implementation Plans.

- PERC has completed manuals/exams for Non-Soil Fumigation and Seed Treatment.
 Manuals/exams are in progress for the National Core and Soil Fumigation.
- PERC may have sufficient time and resources to create or update one more manual, and its
 associated exam. To make best use of resources, perhaps it should be a category used/needed in
 multiple states, with little/no regional variation.
- o If you submit a request for PERC to develop a new category manual/exam, please include as much information as possible about the scope of the need, even beyond your state or tribe.

Please tell us what new or revised educational items would meet national or regional needs. Send us your project idea(s) <u>using this form</u> (https://forms.gle/PzwdrGFFZuBx16tV6) no later than <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January</u> 16, 2024. This request is a gathering of input on needed resources. The PERC Advisory Board will review all project ideas submitted and select prioritized ones for solicitation in 2024 using a competitive process to hire development team(s).

The scope of this request is for projects serving national or widespread regional needs. If your need is more local, eligible non-profit organizations may apply for an <u>Agriculture Community-Based Project</u> (AgCBP) grant. Check out our <u>current Request for Applications</u> for AgCBPs, due February 1, 2024! To remain apprised of other opportunities, <u>subscribe to our mailing list</u>.

Project idea receipt deadline: Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Please direct your questions to PERCsupport@ucdavis.edu. Feel free to share with colleagues and peers by forwarding this message. Also, check us out on social media for updates!

About PERC: The Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative is led by University of California of Davis Continuing and Professional Education and Oregon State University and is funded by a 5-year cooperative agreement (#X8-84019401) from the U.S. EPA. PERC aims to protect the public and the environment by minimizing the misuse of pesticides, increasing access to high-quality education for applicators, and managing projects in support of safe pesticide use, thereby ensuring the safety of chemicals in the marketplace, and advancing the safe use of pesticides. This is complementary to the Environmental Protection Agency's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan, Goal 7 – Ensure Safety of Chemicals for People and the Environment, Objective 7.1: Ensure Chemical and Pesticide Safety". See https://pesticideresources.org.

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