

**Office of State Budget and Management
Establish New, Receipt-Supported Positions
(G.S. 143-34.1)**

Agency: North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Division: Emergency Programs

Budget Code: 3700

Center Title: CDC Bioterrorism Grant- Communicating Health Risks and Health Information
Dissemination (Focus F)

Center Number: 1017-0004

***** Position Information *****

Proposed Classification: PH Liaison Veterinarian **Proposed Salary Grade:** 80

Salary Range: \$47,111 – 78,603 **Proposed Effective Date:** January 1, 2004

Number of Positions: 1

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u>
Total Budget	\$ 352,000	\$ 80,000
Receipts	\$ <u>352,000</u>	\$ <u>80,000</u>
Appropriation	\$ 0	\$ 0

Funding Source(s): CDC Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism Grant (100% FFP).

Justification for Position (including description of duties and responsibilities):

Salary = \$80,000 plus benefits

This position is essential to success of the state's effort to prepare for and respond to threats against the agricultural interests of North Carolina from Foreign Animal Disease (FAD), multi-hazard disaster, terrorist act, or the introduction of any dangerous chemical, physical agent, or biological organism, or disease or condition. Additionally, animal issues may have a direct impact on bio-terrorism concerns from a public health standpoint due to the potential of animals to serve as hosts, vectors, reservoirs or even sentinels for many of the bio-terrorism agents. Because of these possibilities, cooperation between veterinary and public health resources is essential for an adequate response to the threat of bio-terrorism. Bio-terrorism planning, vulnerability assessment, threat reduction and emergency response efforts are as important for protection of crop and livestock interests in North Carolina as they are to human health due to the zoonotic character of most bio-weapons and the severe economic impact that a BT agent directed at these industries could have for the State.

This position serves as the primary liaison between NCDA&CS Division of Emergency Programs and NCDHHS Division of Public Health and develops and maintains a close working relationship between the NCDA&CS Emergency Programs Division other state agencies. This veterinarian provides technical advice and assistance to the NCDHHS Division

of Public Health and county and local public health agencies on emergency veterinary response subjects, zoonotic diseases and bio-terrorism response. This position supervises the EP Veterinary Specialist and PH Veterinary Specialists assigned to the NCDHHS Regional Surveillance Teams and also coordinates response training, planning, readiness and integration of the NC County Animal Response Teams (CART) with the NCDHHS Regional Surveillance Teams and acts as an additional resource for the entire state for veterinary-related BT concerns.

Statutory Reference for Request

G.S. 143-34.1

Presentation to be made by

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