

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 Veterinary Specialist (Veterinary Medical Officer)

Proposed Salary Grade: 79

Salary Range: \$45,057-75,083

Proposed Effective Date: January 1, 2004

Number of Positions: 1

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u>
Total Budget	352,000	70,000
Receipts	<u>352,000</u>	<u>70,000</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 = \$70,000 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.

This position will provide professional expertise in identifying, evaluating, and preventing threats to people, animals, and agriculture. The veterinarian in this position will promote awareness, preparedness, and participation in people and agricultural protection, as well as conduct site visits, facilities evaluations, government and industry contacts, public meetings, training programs, and written, verbal, and electronic communications. This person will also provide essential technical medical support to public health protection as a member of the Public Health Regional Surveillance Team 6 in Buncombe County.

Other duties include active participation in all emergency response organizations within the NCDA&CS and training, preparation, and response in accordance with the needs of the Department and the State. Further, the veterinarian in this position will assist in development of County Animal Response Teams (CART) to ensure agricultural preparedness at the county level. He/she will develop regional emergency planning initiatives depending on the specific needs of the geographical area.

Statutory Reference for Request

G.S. 143-34.1

Presentation to be made by

Title

Agency Head Signature

State Budget Officer Signature