

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

**Agency:**     **Agriculture & Consumer Services**

**Division:**    **Plant Industry Division**

**Budget Code:** 13700

Center Title: **Plant Protection – USFS Hemlock Woolly Adelgid**

Center Number: **11802798**

**\*\*\*Position Information\*\*\***

**Proposed Classification:** **Agricultural Research Technician**     **Proposed Salary Grade:** **64**

**Salary Range:** **\$23,819 - \$38,052**

**Proposed Effective Date:** **2/1/04**

**Number of Positions:** **1**

	<b><u>Center Authorized Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Current Request</u></b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ 32,000</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ 32,000</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Funding Sources(s):**

**US Forest Service Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Agreement #02-DG-11083137-070**

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

The Agricultural Research Technician I position is needed to provide program support for NCDA&CS's Hemlock Woolly Adelgid biocontrol initiative. The Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, introduced to the United States in 1924, is a serious pest of eastern hemlock and Carolina hemlock. In the eastern United States, it is present from the Smoky Mountains, north to the mid-Hudson River Valley and southern New England. Biocontrol initiatives, using *Pseudoscymnus tsugae*, represent a viable way to manage this pest in western areas of North Carolina. Unfortunately, this biocontrol agent is not commercially available and mass rearing techniques are labor intensive. The Agricultural Research Technician I position will oversee the daily rearing operations for this biocontrol agent. The employee will supervise and coordinate the work of four part-time technicians involved in the production of this biocontrol agent.

**Statutory Reference for Request:** 143-34.1

**Clara Gay**  
**Presentation to be made by**

**Director of Budget & Finance**  
**Title**

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**Agency Head Signature**

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**State Budget Officer Signature**