

Frequently Asked Questions

1) Anything new this year?

Why yes! We have upgraded our software and used that opportunity to create a new competitive database. It has a fresh look and is user friendly.

Go to <https://competingforgreen.agbioresearch.msu.edu/> and check it out. If you have any questions contact Jackie DeSander at jdesande@msu.edu or 517-884-3862.

2) My proposal was rejected. Why?

It could possibly be one of several reasons. It is a requirement that a cover page be included as the first page, the project submitted did not have a valid Proposal Development Number -or- the formatting guidelines were not met. If you're still unsure, contact Jackie DeSander.

3) I am a research assistant/graduate student, may I submit a proposal for the Principal Investigator (PI)?

No, the Principal Investigator must use his/her MSU NetId and password.

4) My research benefits more than one commodity, do I have the ability to choose more than one commodity online?

Yes, you may choose up to three. For multiple commodities, go to that particular commodity and hit the "ctrl" button then click on the desired commodity groups.

5) I see the two same projects listed, are they duplicates?

No, these are not duplicates. If you scroll to the very right you will see each project is time stamped, this is for archiving purposes.

6) I have contacted a commodity group for a letter of support and I do not believe I will receive it before the Project GREEN deadline, what do I do?

We ask that you give commodity groups ample lead time in order to meet the deadline. If your letter of support is not included in your electronic upload, it will not be considered during the review.

7) Who should my letters of support be addressed to?

Please address letters of support to Jim Kells, Project GREEN.

8) I decided to make a change to my proposal but have already uploaded the old one, what do I do?

Follow the same steps and upload the amended proposal. The new upload overrides the old one.

9) It's 5:00 p.m. on January 13th and I am having trouble uploading my proposal. Will you still accept my proposal?

One of the main reasons we release the RFP in October and request proposals in January is to give everyone ample time. We understand everyone's commitments and this is why we target the release and submission date around the same time each year. We also understand that an extreme circumstance may arise personally or work-wise. If a circumstance out of your control occurs, please contact Jackie DeSander at 517-884-3862 or email jdesande@msu.edu as soon as possible. She will be happy to assist you.

