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DIRECTOR

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Kevin Robson
Michigan Farm Bureau
7373 West Saginaw Highway
Lansing, MI 48909-8460

Dear Mr. Kevin Robson:

RE: 2018 SCBG Application - Fruit Acreage Inventory and Labor Survey

On behalf of the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development, I would like to thank you for submitting a grant proposal for the 2019 Specialty Crop Block Grant – Farm Bill 2014.

Upon review of your proposal by the Joint Evaluation Committee (JEC), the JEC and Director Wenk have recommended your proposal to be included in the State Plan being submitted in late May to the United States Department of Agriculture/Agriculture Marketing Service (USDA/AMS) for funding.

USDA/AMS will be reviewing your proposal, and it is anticipated that they will have questions on your proposal sometime in late July. Please respond to these inquiries so you do not jeopardize your award recommendation. I will forward any questions USDA has. We expect that process to be completed by the end of September 2018. Once USDA has deemed Michigan's application complete and approved, we will send you a grant agreement document (electronically) to sign and return to us for our signature. Approved projects cannot begin or incur any costs until a signed grant agreement is in place. As a reminder, this is a cost reimbursement program. The grant agreement will outline the reporting and payment schedule.

By this time, you should be registered as a State Vendor. In accordance with Public Act 533 of 2004, payments under this contract must be processed by electronic funds transfer (EFT). Contractors are required to register to receive payments by EFT at the contract and payment express website ([State Budget Office - SIGMA Information](http://www.michigan.gov/budget/0,4538,7-157-79033---,00.html) <http://www.michigan.gov/budget/0,4538,7-157-79033---,00.html>).

If you have any questions, I would encourage you to contact me at 517-712-0841 or throneh@michigan.gov.

Congratulations on receiving an award recommendation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Throne".

Heather Throne
Grant Coordinator