

**NIFA Listening Session**  
**1890 Institution Capacity Building Grant Program**

On January 28, 2014, the NIFA 1890 Program team conducted a NIFA-wide listening session regarding 1890 Institution Capacity Building Grant Program (1890 CBG). The purpose of the session was to seek stakeholder feedback on the program's strengths, weaknesses and opportunities. The session also included discussions on related topics, such as identifying 1890 experts for NIFA peer review panels and enhancing opportunities for 1890 Institutions in other NIFA programs. Over 50 NIFA staff and administrators participated in the listening session. The discussion generated significant interest and support for the 1890 CBG program. Several useful ideas were shared, such as inviting 1890 faculty to non-1890 Project Director meetings to enhance networking. Also, several NIFA program leaders learned about the 1890 Expertise Database as a resource for identifying peer review panelists from 1890 universities.