AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS (ARP) NETWORK

The ARP Network enlists the help of partners to spark economic development, entrepreneurship and community development. USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) founded the ARP Network in an effort to expand the impact of ARS research and provide resources to help companies grow. By combining ARS research expertise with complementary capabilities and talents of partnering organizations, the ARP Network helps stimulate economic growth through technological advancements. The ARP Network matches business needs with ARS innovations and research capabilities and provides business assistant services to help companies and startups solve agricultural problems, develop products and create new jobs.

Who should join the ARP Network?
Any organization interested in agriculture-based economic development such as: rural agribusiness, urban, community and/or economic development groups; organizations that support farmers, agritourism and/or food processors; and capital programs for business attraction and acceleration.

How do the ARP Network and members help foster American innovation and economic development?
- Match industry needs with ARS patents and researchers for partnering
- Provide access to ARS research expertise, facilities and equipment
- Assist in identifying sources of funding
- Provide mentoring in business and manufacturing problem solving
- Furnish marketing assessments and business plan development assistance
- Provide networking opportunities with other organizations
- Coordinate events to facilitate private-public partnerships
- Deliver research results to stakeholders

Become a part of the ARP Network to start working together!
The ARP network can help spur innovation and drive America's global competitiveness. ARP network members join through a non-funded cooperate agreement. There is no cost to join.

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