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Dr. Rod Hill  
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Dear Dr. Hill:

Administrative approval is granted for Dr. R. Mark Thallman, an USDA-ARS scientist in Clay Center, NE to collaborate with you on the project titled "*Global Integration of Feed Efficiency in Beef Cattle.*" It is our understanding that the University of Idaho is submitting this proposal to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agriculture and Food Research Initiative on Global Food Security with USDA-ARS as a sub-recipient. If a grant is awarded as a result of this application, USDA-ARS will accept a sub-award to perform the work as outlined in the proposal.

I understand the proposed research will utilize research facilities at the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (USMARC) in Clay Center, NE. This project will contribute to the development of DNA tests that are predictive of feed efficiency in beef cattle. This is a project that fits well within the mission of the USDA-ARS-USMARC as detailed in USDA-ARS National Program 101.

Sincerely,

W.H. Blackburn  
Area Director

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