

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Improving Health through Nutrition Research: An Overview of the U.S. Nutrition Research System

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB, SOR,) EIB

Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
USDA

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Subject of Review: Health claims, such as diets low in saturated fat and cholesterol may reduce the risk of heart disease, are established through research. By providing a “knowledge foundation,” nutrition research is a vital part of the process of understanding nutrition, dietary choices, and health. Efforts to change dietary behaviors through nutrition guidelines, standards, and regulatory policies have overshadowed efforts to examine the role and function of the U.S. nutrition research system. This report refocuses attention on the nutrition research system by synthesizing and building on the existing literature describing and analyzing the U.S. nutrition research system and conducts an analysis of available data on Federal support for human nutrition research.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers

[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 03/26/14 End: 05/12/14 Completed: 07/23/14

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [] Designated Outside Organization

Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [] Yes [X] No



