# Peer Review Plan

**Preliminary Title:** Agricultural Research Policy in High Income Countries

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

- [X] ERR

**Agency:**

- Economic Research Service
- USDA

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**Subject of Review:** Public and private investments in agricultural R&D have been the primary driver of long-term agricultural productivity growth in high-income countries. There is a growing concern that support for agricultural R&D may be insufficient to meet future demands for food, and that agricultural productivity growth, especially in high-income countries, may be slowing. Some OECD countries have introduced policy reforms to improve the financing and performance of their public agricultural R&D systems. However, there is a lack of comprehensive and comparable information on these trends and developments. This research seeks to fill this gap.

**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: 05/23/17
- End: 09/13/17
- Completed: 09/13/17

**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