STATEMENT ON USDA-CSREES AND NASULGC DATABASE RELATIONSHIP

Under a cooperative agreement with USDA-CSREES, the Food and Agricultural Education Information System (FAEIS) compiles nation-wide higher-education data for agriculture, natural resources, family & consumer sciences/human sciences, and veterinary medicine. FAEIS developed an international database module in response to a request from the profession. The database was designed by a panel of experts, extensively discussed at meetings of various professional associations, alpha and beta tested with 18 institutions during this past year in preparation for release December 1, 2007. It is an interactive, web-based data collection tool with reporting capabilities that are available 24/7. The international FAEIS database includes teaching, research, extension and outreach activities using data input fields and a reporting mechanism as requested. Two primary reports are featured including “unit profile,” and “project profile”. In addition, information from non US institutions will be added to profile collaborative opportunities, especially those designed to attract participation from the US.

The National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC) has launched a database initiative among its member institutions that covers current international research and development projects across disciplines at participating institutions. The NASULGC profiles applied research and development project activities and expertise but does not gather information regarding teaching, number of students, or related academic programs.

Both surveys are short and user-friendly, and they have been designed to collect complementary data with minimal overlap. Project directors are encouraged to contribute to both the FAEIS and the NASULGC international initiatives.