

Office of State Budget and Management
Establish New, Receipt-Supported Positions
(G.S. 143-34.1)

Agency: North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Division: Emergency Programs

Budget Code: 3700

Center Title: CDC Bioterrorism Grant- Communicating Health Risks and Health Information
Dissemination (Focus F)

Center Number: 1017-0004

***** Position Information *****

Proposed Classification: PH Veterinary Surv. And Emergency Response Specialist

Proposed Salary Grade: 79

Salary Range: \$45,057 – 75,083

Proposed Effective Date: January 1, 2004

Number of Positions: 1

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u>
Total Budget	\$352,000	\$70,000
Receipts	<u>\$352,000</u>	<u>\$70,000</u>
Appropriation	0	0
Funding Source(s): CDC Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism Grant (100% FFP).		

Justification for Position (including description of duties and responsibilities):

Salary = \$70,000 plus benefits

As a Veterinary Risk Assessment Specialist, this position develops, coordinates and administers broad and complex veterinary bio-hazard risk assessment and vulnerability plans and programs, determines bio-security risks and vulnerabilities, and assists with risk assessment, vulnerability studies, bio-security vulnerability assessment training, risk and vulnerability data collection and processing in support of state wide risk and vulnerability reduction efforts and to support emergency response planning by NCDA&CS.

This position develops animal surveillance methodologies for the early detection of natural outbreaks of disease or intentional introduction of foreign animal disease and other bioterrorist agents. This position develops close working relationships between the NCDA&CS Emergency Programs Division and the Division of Public Health, NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS), as well as with all other state agencies, to

develop veterinary focused zoonotic bio-security risk and vulnerability assessments for animals, humans and facilities as well as develop general bio-terrorism threat vulnerability assessments, and terrorism threat reduction strategies and objectives. Through these steps the veterinarian in this position significantly improves the overall bio- security of North Carolina and reduces overall vulnerability of this state.

Statutory Reference for Request

G.S. 143-34.1

Presentation to be made by

Title

Agency Head Signature

State Budget Officer Signature