

Blanchard River Demonstration Farms Network

Application Instructions for Proposal Review by Blanchard River Demonstration Farms Advisory Committee

Applicants requesting review of proposals shall submit an application form identifying what component of the Demonstration Farms the proposal addresses. In addition, applicant shall submit the following:

1. Purpose of their proposal. Including:
 - a. Explanation of how the proposal meets the stated goals.
 - b. Technical information (engineering plans, material specifications, etc.) if applicable
 - c. Scientific background, if available (previous or ongoing field/lab trials, publications, completed research projects, etc.)
2. If desired, a written request to present the proposal to the Technical Advisory Committee
3. A written statement concerning the confidentiality of proposal. Any application submitted to the Ohio Farm Bureau for review is subject to public review via the Blanchard River Demonstration Farms Network. If any information presented in the proposal divulges methods or processes that would be subject to protection as trade secrets, please identify.

Completed applications will be received using the following process.

1. Ohio Farm Bureau will review application for completeness. If changes or clarifications are needed, applicant will be notified.
2. Proposal will be evaluated by the appropriate subcommittee of the BRDFN Advisory Committee.
 - a. Applications will be judged based on the following criteria. Information submitted with the application should address these criteria:
 - i. **Relevance**- How will proposal address sediment and nutrient loss?
 - ii. **Measurability**- How will improvements be evident and quantified?
 - iii. **Transferability**- Is proposed technology transferable to other producers?
 - iv. **Readiness, Scalability**- Is it commercially available? Has idea been deployed in the field?
 - v. **Verification Studies**- Provide citations or articles on efficacy.
 - vi. **Cost Considerations** - Installation and operational costs associated with proposal.
3. If subcommittee tentatively approves the proposal, it will be brought before the full BRDFN Advisory Committee for final approval.
4. If approved, proposal will be presented to the demonstration farmer to acceptance/decline.