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RE: Humane Handling Educational Resources for Farmers, Ranchers, and Small Processors Southern SARE Education Grant Proposal

To Whom it May Concern:

The National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) is a national nonprofit organization with staff in 10 states, including the Southeast Regional office in Arkansas. NCAT does in-person presentations, training, and outreach in most states in the US and offers unique web resources and databases on sites that receive millions of unique visitors each year. NCAT has nationally recognized programs in sustainable and organic agriculture and renewable energy. In NCAT's work, we have developed good relationships with farmers and grassroots farm organizations across the country, and we feel these connections would be an asset to the proposed work. Among NCAT's best-known projects are the ATTRA National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service, which since 1987 has served thousands of farmers, extensionists, and farmer organizations each year through its technical assistance, workshops, and educational resources.

NCAT's Southeast Regional staff work closely with livestock producers across Arkansas and Oklahoma and have provided educational resources and training on topics such as processing regulations, working with processors, livestock handling, and meat marketing. Based on this experience we know that there is a significant need for educational resources related to small-scale processing and humane handling of livestock. Livestock producers, especially beginning farmers, need assistance accessing processing, understanding regulations, and learning to work with a processor. Small processors also need resources to assist them in working with livestock producers and understanding humane livestock handling.

NCAT commits to participating in and supporting the 2023 application to the Southern SARE Education Grant entitled "*Humane Handling Educational Resources for Farmers, Ranchers, and Small Processors*" from April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2025. NCAT's Livestock Specialists Margo Hale and Linda Coffey will support the project by reviewing educational resources, promoting project webinars and publications, and connecting producers and processors to project deliverables at the cost of \$7,635. Hale and Coffey have extensive experience as sustainable livestock production educators and are both livestock producers.

Sincerely,



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