In 1993, the estate of Mary S. Rice presented Purdue University with an 800 acre cash grain and mint farm in LaPorte County (northwestern Indiana). Her will and last testament specified that income from the farm be used to “further the study of farming methods and procedures.” Based on this, issues to be addressed by Rice funding for 2012 will again place emphasis on the contemporary problems of agriculture and a primary component should include research conducted at one or more regional Purdue Agricultural Centers (PACs).

For 2012, $120,000 will be available for project funding. Each request cannot exceed $12,000 and both individual and team proposals will be considered. Funding priority will be given to requests for equipment acquisition which will support the research of one or more projects at one or more of the regional PACs. Programmatic funding will also be considered, but given a lower priority. Please indicate if other funds are available or can be leveraged to accomplish or support the request/project. Proposals for specialized equipment must state how current equipment is limiting or how a new equipment purchase will enhance a research program(s).

Note: The pre-award Center (agpreaward@purdue.edu) will work with each requestor in preparing a Coeus Budget and packaging the proposal ahead of submission via the Grants Site (https://ag.purdue.edu/Lists/Managed%20Grants/AllGrants.aspx). If an Extension Educator is submitting a proposal, please contact Debbie Clampitt, Extension Account Manager, prior to submission. Also, if you have been awarded any previous Rice grant funding, the Rice Funding Report Form must be completed and submitted electronically (e.g. Word, pdf, etc.) via the Grants Site before additional Rice funds can be secured.

Budget: Maximum $12,000 per grant. If salary for support staff is part of the proposal, fringes should be included in the proposed budget. F&A should not be included in the budget.

Project Period: March 1, 2012 – February 28, 2013