

METHYL BROMIDE TRANSITION PROGRAM COMPETITIVE GRANT.

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Funds for a competitive grant program to support research, education and extension activities on Alternatives to Methyl Bromide were made available to land-grant and four year universities and colleges through the Section 406 - Integrated Research, Education and Extension Pest Management Competitive Grants Program. There were 14 grants submitted to the program and eight were funded. Of the eight projects funded, three were from California, two from Florida and one each from North Carolina, Michigan, and Idaho. The submitted proposals underwent a two tiered review process. This included a relevancy review by a panel made up of primarily stakeholders. The second review was for scientific merit by a peer panel. The program will be conducted again in FY2001 and there is \$2 million tentatively available for this years program.