

Request for Additional Carry Forward on the 2017 Bill

PROJECT TITLE: Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Monitoring and Biocontrol Evaluation

Project Manager: Robert Koch

Legal Citation: M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 04f-1

Appropriation Language:

\$99,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of agriculture and \$167,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to monitor for brown marmorated stink bugs to identify problem areas, target biocontrol efforts, and evaluate the suitability of candidate biological control agents for use in Minnesota. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2017, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

Amendment Request (12/01/2016)

A 12-month no-cost extension is being requested for the U of MN component of this project. It is projected that we will have about \$30,000 remaining at the initially agreed upon end date for this project. This is due to salary savings that were experienced when staff was being billed only part-time during phases when equipment were not functioning or were unavailable, or certain methods were being developed. The equipment issues mentioned above have delayed progress on examination of the effect of time on the insect's survival at low temperatures. This extension will ensure this objective and the modeling objective are met or exceeded.

Amendment Approved: Date