



CDCB Update

May 15, 2015

Latest News

- A joint meeting between representatives of CDN and CDCB boards and managers was carried out in Toronto in April 24, 2015, to discuss a common agenda and further develop the cooperation between the countries.
- CDCB office space has been established at 4201 Northview Drive, Suites 302, Bowie, MD, 20716. It is located in a modern commercial area with a variety of restaurants, hotels and shopping centers. Strategically located between Washington DC and Annapolis, the new offices have convenient connections to the BWI airport and the ARS/USDA BARC-West Buildings in Beltsville.
- A consulting services engagement agreement has been signed with Raymon Bacchus, starting April 20 to facilitate the implementation of the council's administrative structure.
- The following positions are currently under recruitment at CDCB:
 - Administrative Assistant
 - Database Administrator
 - Data Scientist
 - Genomic data analystDescriptions available at <https://www.cdcb.us/>.
- The CDCB CEO presented to the board of directors a work plan for transitioning and completing services from AGIL to CDCB based on the effective date of December 17, 2015 for the Nonfunded Cooperative Agreement between ARS/USDA and CDCB. Many of the actions are already being implemented and the timetable and delivery should be met.

Actions from the Board Meeting (April 30, 2015)

- A Request For Proposals (RFP) for the administration of the CDCB Quality Certification Program for genomic nominators and genotyping laboratories will be developed soon. A Working Group has been established to develop the RFPs. Once the RFPs are approved they will be distributed for responses.
- The Otsuki Group Inc. has been hired to facilitate the development process of a strategic business model for CDCB which will be carried out in the following months.
- A working group to evaluate the collection and quality certification efforts of calving ease, stillbirth and reproductive data will be established.
- The 2015 CDCB Industry Meeting was confirmed for September 29, 2015, in Madison, WI, in association with the World Dairy Expo activities. The venue and program will be announced soon.