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To: Directors of State Career and Technical Education
From: Nancy J. Trivette, President 
Re: Invitation to be a Funding State for CASE
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I am writing to share news and an opportunity regarding the **Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education™** (CASE™), managed and developed by the National Council for Agricultural Education. CASE is a rigorous, inquiry based, scientific approach to teaching agriculture that encompasses a sequence of courses for secondary programs and aligned with science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). CASE has all the components necessary to produce well educated and highly-skilled graduates for current and emerging careers in agriculture, food, and natural resources. See the *new* CASE website at www.case4learning.org for more details regarding the program.

We are extending an opportunity to you to be a **CASE Funding State or renew your state's commitment**. For the investment, Funding States participate directly in the two-year development and early implementation of CASE, including course development, lead teacher orientation and CASE Institute for field test teachers.

A Brief Update on CASE...

Dr. Dan Jansen, Project Director, and Marlene Mensch, Curriculum Director, lead the CASE project under contract from the National Council for Agricultural Education. CASE continues to gain attention and traction, nationwide. The Council regularly receives requests for information from teachers, state agricultural education staff and potential partners.

Course Development...

CASE course development continues under direction of staff. The CASE website (Curriculum section) describes the development, field test and availability timeline. The CASE Pathways link provides a visual description of four potential pathways for students.

Teacher Professional Development...

Three CASE Institutes delivered 80 hours of teacher professional development in Plant and Animal Science this summer for thirty-six teachers from 10 states. Teachers were provided instruction related to enhancing core academic concepts within agriculture and activity-, project-, and problem-based instructional strategies.

Field Testing...

The 'Principles in Agricultural Science – Animal' and 'Principles in Agricultural Science – Plant' courses will be field tested by 36 teachers in 34 schools this year. Field test sites and teachers are identified on the CASE website via the Lead Teacher Directory under the CASE Institute link.

Call for CASE Funding...

The funding model for developing CASE courses includes requests to state CTE directors, as well as requests to business, industry and foundations. We are seeking commitments of \$50,000 each from ten states per course. If you would like to learn more about CASE, please contact me at nancy.trivette@ag.state.nj.us. Visit the *new* CASE website at: www.case4learning.org for details and updates about the program. I look forward to including your state in this exciting national initiative for agricultural education.

