

EngageINFEWS RCN:

Developing best practices for community engagement at the nexus of Food, Energy, and Water systems (FEWS) science.

The EngageINFEWS RCN (NSF# 1856059) is a new project that will bring researchers and stakeholders together to discuss and develop best practices for community engagement in FEWS science.



Scientific efforts that focus on innovations at the nexus of food, energy, and water systems (INFEWS) necessarily require that scientists work closely with non-scientists to produce beneficial and useable outcomes. Scientific approaches that involve communities, industry, tribal organizations, non-governmental organizations, government agencies, and other stakeholders have been called “community-engaged research,” “stakeholder engagement,” and “participatory-action research.” The EngageINFEWS research coordination network brings together a diverse group of scientists and non-scientists to develop and document a cohesive set of best practices for community engaged research at the intersection of food, energy, and water systems (FEWS) science. EngageINFEWS aims to advance knowledge of community-engaged research and to help FEWS science serve the needs of stakeholders, defined as those with an interest in the system. This research coordination network is timely as FEWS research is a growing part of federal science programs and investments (i.e., by the National Science Foundation, the US Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Energy).

The National Science Foundation has awarded the project, entitled "INFEWS/T3 RCN: EngageINFEWS - A Research Coordination Network for Community and Stakeholder Engagement Critical to Food, Energy, and Water Systems," to the University of Idaho with a start date of August 15, 2019. The project is led by Andrew D. Kliskey, Virginia H. Dale, David L. Griffith, Chelsea L. Schelly, and Anna-Maria Marshall. This award reflects NSF's statutory mission and has been deemed worthy of support through evaluation using the Foundation's intellectual merit and broader impacts review criteria.

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