



## **WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSAL**

**Title:** Production of Educational Newsletter "Water Current" and Other Materials identified as Important for the General Public to Understand

**Focus Categories:** EDU

**Keywords:** Newsletter, Irrigation, Water Quality, Herbicides, Bioremediation, Groundwater

**Duration:**

Start: March 1, 2000

End: February 28, 2001

**FY 2000 Federal Funds:** \$17,200.00

**FY 2000 Non-Federal Funds:** \$34,546.00

**Total** \$51,746.00

**Principal Investigator:**

Steven W. Ress, Communications Association

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**Congressional District:** 1

**Statement of Critical Need**

As research results become available, it is important to inform the public as to how these results might impact water supplies to Nebraska's in both quantity and quality. Also, Federal, state, and private organizations as well as the general public need a constant flow of information regarding contact personnel, new Federal and state policies and how these policies might effect citizens, and opportunities within the University to learn more concerning the water issues relating to Nebraska.

**Statement of Result or Benefits**

The primary result is a better informed citizens and state and Federal agency personnel concerning water issues directly impacting them health- wise or economically.

## **Nature, Scope, and Objectives of the Research**

While this project cannot be directly called research, it identifies those projects that have direct application to Nebraska's and how those applications can directly affect them. It also identifies areas of research need through constant feedback. The objectives are:

- 1.; Produce and publish the Water Current six times a year. Distribution of the publication is made through an extensive mailing list containing approximately 4,000 names.
2. Produce and publish other special educational materials dealing with timely and important issues that need immediate public input or attention.

## **Methods, Procedures, and Facilities**

The Water Center/Environmental Programs unit either writes or invites guest editorials for publication. Contact is determined by solicitations to faculty and staff. The unit maintains control over all materials printed to insure quality and uniformity. Word processed documents and graphics are supplied to the University print shop where printing and mailing occurs.

## **Related Research**

Many Water Resources Institutes publish similar materials in the form of newsletter and have found this to be inexpensive and useful method to inform the public of water related issues directly impacting their state.

**Investigator's Qualifications:** Should be on file from previous years.

**Training Potential:** Only those students that have training in Journalism would be able to assist in this effort.