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SUBJECT:
Research Priorities database - SSC Review

ACTION REQUIRED:
Review (SSC only)

BACKGROUND

Council and AKFIN staff have been working on developing a web-based database portal for the Council's research priorities. Our intention with the project is the following:

1. have a system that tracks research priorities, and their identified attributes, over time
2. design a process that allows the Plan Teams, the SSC assigned reviewer, and then the full SSC to propose and approve/disapprove changes to the research priorities directly in the program
3. be able to output research priority data in multiple formats for different users (e.g., SSC, Council, research agencies, or stakeholders interested in a particular topic)

In April and June 2013, the SSC refined the list of fields to track in the database, and since then, staff have been working with AKFIN to develop the database and web portal. At the April meeting, we hope to demonstrate the web system to the SSC, and solicit any feedback. The intention is to have the system up and running prior to the June meeting, for the SSC to use for its final research priority recommendations in June. We will demonstrate the system using the proposed research priority changes offered by the Scallop Plan Team at their recent meeting.