## Dear US PI,

I am interested in collaborating with you in a new funding opportunity. As a recipient of a USDA, NIFA grant you have the unique opportunity to partner with an Israeli scientist and an Israeli company to enable you to expand your project's objectives -- *without compromising the budget for any of the U.S. collaborators.* 

Please respond if you would be interested in such a collaboration or not. Below are more details regarding the program. Attached is my CV.

BARD, NIFA and the Israel Innovation Authority have joined forces to create an opportunity for Israeli scientists and companies to team with researchers funded by NIFA in the new Food and Nutrition Program.

Israeli agriculture is known for its use of innovative and advanced systems particularly in the face of adverse climatic conditions. This reputation is largely due to the highly trained agricultural research community based in many of Israel's leading universities and research centers. Israel is often referred to as 'start up nation' due to the prevailing culture of entrepreneurship with the winning combination of creativity and the desire to reach the market quickly.

While you are under no obligation to share existing or future IP with an Israeli company, this does give you an additional avenue to hasten the distribution of your knowledge and developments into the hands of the ultimate consumers.

Israeli scientists can participate in any project with NIFA funding that extends to or can be extended to Dec 2024. The Israeli contribution to your research project must address one of the priorities (see list) of the Food and Nutrition program that can be found on the BARD website and have a developmental aspect which can be related to or directly tied to the objectives of your project, as per your agreement with the Israeli scientist.

Funding for the Israeli scientist will be fully provided by the Israel Innovation Authority. The Israeli PI can fund a trip to Israel of the PI of the USDA,NIFA scientist to the lab in Israel.

Additional information can be found on BARD's website at <u>NIFA-BARD-IIA Food and</u> <u>Nutrition Guidelines (bard-isus.com)</u>. You may also contact Haim Katz at BARD directly at <u>haim@bard-isus.com</u>.

I will be happy to answer any further questions you may have.

Sincerely,