**Call for Region 5 Referee Participants!!!**

(Members: AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA)

**Region 5 Referee Project:**

**Retrieving and identifying ‘Pensacola’ and ‘Argentine’ Bahiagrass when it is a contaminating species.**

**Project Organizers:**

Kevin Buis – AB Seed Lab buiskevin67@gmail.com

David M. Johnston – La. Dept of Ag. and Forestry Seed Lab djohnston@ldaf.state.la.us

The Region 5 Referee Committee is seeking participants for our contaminated Bahiagrass Project.

**Participants will be required to do the following:**

1. Complete and return a participant survey form

2. Examine 4 samples of ‘Pensacola’ Bahiagrass and retrieve and correctly identify ‘Argentine’ Bahiagrass seeds found in the referee sample and examine 1 sample of ‘Argentine’ Bahiagrass and retrieve and correctly identify ‘Pensacola’ Bahiagrass found in the referee sample. *(This is not a purity exam.)*

3. Return referee results by the stated deadline to the project organizers

If you agree to follow the requirements listed above and wish to participate in this referee project, please contact Kevin and David**. The deadline to sign up is August 5, 2022**. You will be mailed the referee samples and forms to use.For those completing this referee project and returning their data to the project organizers by the deadline, one Continuing Education Point will be awarded to you!!! **There is a limit of 25 participants.**

**\*\*\*Please share this announcement with other staff members in your lab that might like to participate in this project!!!\*\*\***

**Region 5 Referee 2023 – Bahiagrass Exercise**

**Participant Survey** *(Complete and return survey to Kevin Buis and David Johnston by August 5, 2022.)*

**1. Name** *(Please Print):* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2. Laboratory Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Email:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**4. Current certification level** *(e.g., RST, CPT, CVT, CSA, CSA-P, CSA-G, Other, None)*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**5. Years of seed purity testing experience** *(check one)****:***

 Less than 2 \_\_\_

 2 – 5 \_\_\_

 6 – 10 \_\_\_

More than 10 \_\_\_

**6. Years of purity testing experience of Bahiagrass** *(check one)***:**

 Less than 2 \_\_\_

 2 – 5 \_\_\_

 6 – 10 \_\_\_

More than 10 \_\_\_

**7. Approximate number of purity tests you have performed in your career** *(check one)***:**

 Less than 50 \_\_\_

 50 – 99 \_\_\_

 100 – 500 \_\_\_

More than 500 \_\_\_

**8. Approximate number of Bahiagrass purity tests you have performed in your career** *(check one)***:**

 Less than 50 \_\_\_

 50 – 99 \_\_\_

 100 – 500 \_\_\_

More than 500 \_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*Participants will receive one CE Point for completing this project and returning their data to the project organizers (e.g., Kevin Buis and David Johnston) by the deadline TBD. \*\*\*\***