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IN REPLY TO:

Ximing Cai
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Dear Dr. Cai:

This letter is to indicate Nebraska Department of Natural Resources support for the project entitled "*Developing a Predictive Capability Decision Support System for Drought Mitigation*". Drought prediction and response is of great importance to water management efforts in Nebraska. Development of predictive tools and improving inputs to support irrigation scheduling or other water activities can be valuable efforts. Since passage of LB 968 in 2004 Nebraska has been engaged in developing and implementing measures that address conflicts between surface water and ground water users. The data and predictive tools you intend to develop should be of use in state and local response to water shortage. We wish you every success in your endeavors.

Sincerely

Ann Bleed
Director

cc: Dr. Jae Ryu

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