News from U.S. Rep. Adam Smith (WA-09)

Chairman, House Armed Services Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities; Member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; vice-chair of the New Democrat Coalition.

Fiscal Year 2010 Project Requests (Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies)

Project Name: Agricultural Research Service Laboratory

Amount: \$8,000,000

Recipient: Washington State University

Address: PO Box 641033

City: Pullman State: WA Zip: 99164

Explanation: This project will provide a research facility for ARS scientists and Washington State University researchers in Pullman, Washington. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because this facility will strengthen the collaboration between ARS and Washington State University on national and regional projects, jointly train students in effective research, and contribute to the economic productivity and profitability of agriculture in the Pacific Northwest.

Project Name: Diabetes Awareness and Education

Amount: \$1,033,000

Recipient: Washington State University

Address: PO Box 641033

City: Pullman State: WA Zip: 99164

Explanation: This project helps participants manage their diabetes and learn effective methods to prevent future diabetic complications. This is a good use of tax payer funds because this project will prevent future healthcare costs by implementing nutritional and dietary education of diabetics throughout Washington state and specific communities with unusually high rates of diabetes and diabetic complications.

Project Name: Organic Cropping Research and Education for the Northwest

Amount: \$500,000

Recipient: Washington State University

Address: PO Box 641033

City: Pullman State: WA Zip: 99164

Explanation: This request will support the expansion of crop production research and initiate economic and marketing research of organic foods. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because this project will assist organic growers in Washington State to improve their profitability, agronomic performance, and environmental stewardship.