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**ISU REQUEST FOR CENTER TERMINATION: CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL
AGRICULTURAL FINANCE**

Action Requested: Recommend approval of Iowa State University's request to terminate the Center for International Agricultural Finance.

The Council of Provosts and the Board office support this request.

Background: The Center for International Agricultural Finance (CIAF) was established under the leadership of Dr. Neil Harl in 1990 to provide training and assistance to formerly Communist countries in Central and Eastern Europe as well as the former Soviet Union and China as they transitioned to market economies.

Rationale for request to close: The CIAF is no longer active. With the retirement of Dr. Harl and the death of Ron Prescott in 2017, there has not been a faculty presence to continue or support its activities. Perhaps more importantly, with the passage of time the need to provide assistance in the transition to market economies has become much less relevant. The role of CIAF has been superseded.

Impact of closure: Eliminating CIAF will have essentially no effect. There are no faculty or staff resources devoted to CIAF at this time. There will be a small administrative cost in tracking down references to the center on websites and updating information to reflect its termination. There is no significant effect on students.

Proposed date of closure: Upon approval by the Board of Regents.