



Bradley K. Rein, PE, National Science Liaison, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), Washington DC, is being honored for outstanding contributions enabling others through professional and government leadership of research and extension engineering related programs.

Throughout his career, Rein has demonstrated outstanding leadership in promoting federal support for discovery, education, and outreach of agricultural science, engineering, and technology for broad agricultural systems. The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Agricultural Systems and Technology foundation program was unfunded prior to being assigned to the Agricultural Systems Division. Under Rein's leadership, the funding for this program has grown to over \$31 million per year, having a wide-reaching positive impact.

In 1991, Rein implemented the USDA AgrAbility program and continues to provide leadership. This program has provided service to more than 16,000 farmers with disabilities. As a result, thousands of agriculture, rehabilitation, and healthcare professionals have increased their knowledge to serve the needs of those with disabilities in agriculture.

Rein has provided administrative leadership for the USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) programs in agricultural waste, bio-based products and processing, food safety, functional foods, farm safety, pesticide safety, and farming with a disability. He led the transition of the Biomass Research and Development Initiative from Rural Development to CSREES. Rein also served as a United Nations technical advisor to the People's Republic of China on biofuels research and as an Embassy Science Fellow to Jamaica on the development of a national biofuels policy.

A 42-year member of ASABE, Rein has been a leader and member of a number of ASABE committees. He served on the ASABE Global Water Security Conference Executive planning committee and is a member of the Ergonomics, Safety, and Health Steering and Policy and Forward Planning committees. He is also a member of the Education, Outreach, and Professional Development Academic Program Administrators committee. Rein is a member and past leader within the International Society of Agricultural Safety and Health and he is an ex-officio board member of the Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America.

Rein has coauthored a number of peer-reviewed articles. Throughout his career, he has received many awards, including the Secretary's Honor award for Excellence, an ASABE Presidential citation, and the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service A.J. Dye award for Diversity. He also received the ASAE NAIMIC Safety Engineering award.