

agInnovation Northeast: Northeast Ag Tech Corridor, ENGINE Grant Discussion

agInnovation Meeting: St. Louis, MO

2:40 to 3:10pm

September 17, 2025

1. Concept Statement Overview

Emphasis on:

- Building a resilient, Northeast-centric innovation ecosystem
- Advance technologies in food production, processing and manufacturing, distribution, and waste management that ensure long-term food security within an integrated regional corridor
- Leveraging the region's agricultural diversity and density of university research assets

2. Institutional Reflections and Strategic Input

Discussion Prompts:

- How does your institution see itself represented in this concept?
- What institutional priorities or initiatives could align with this effort?
- What refinements could help this concept stand out among other regional or national food insecurity initiatives?
- How can we better tailor this to the Northeast's specific needs and strengths?
- What are the perceived strengths and weaknesses of the concept?

3. Experience with NSF Engines

- Sharing of institutional or personal experience with NSF Engine proposals or awards
- Lessons learned and strategic considerations

4. Timeline and Milestones

Fall 2025:

- All interested partners complete institutional inventory by end of September (areas of excellence, priorities, potential faculty champions, partners)
- Virtual meeting for regional leadership in early October (decision on Type 1 or Type 2, discuss synergies, refine concept)
- In-person meeting for faculty champions in late October / early November (refine objectives, identify leadership roles, facilitated collaboration planning, spring/summer workplan outlined)

Spring 2026:

- Regional convening in Geneva, NY (proposed)

Summer 2026:

- Letter of Intent due to NSF (June)