

PRIORITIES OF THE VITICULTURE CONSORTIUM-EAST*
2008 RFP

The mission of the Consortium is to improve the competitive position of the American Grape Industry through research. Research objectives for consideration of funding in FY02 have been identified by a Regional Guidance Committee representing growers, processors, extension personnel and researchers. They include, but are not limited to, the following objectives:

- Understand grape physiology and develop cultivation methods that lead to sustainable and economical production of grapes.
- Determine the impact of grapevine cultivation practices on chemical traits that affect the quality of wines and other grape products produced in different geographical regions.
- Improve the productivity of grapes and quality of grape products by selecting and breeding scion and rootstock varieties.
- Improve understanding of the biology of pests and diseases, and develop integrated crop management programs for specific grape production regions that are economically feasible, environmentally sound, and socially acceptable.

* **See attached pages for research priorities identified by specific states.**

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