**Feed the Future Partnering for Innovation**

Program Launch

**Horizon Room**

**Ronald Reagan Building**

**Washington, DC**

**Wednesday, November 14, 2012**

**10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

10:00 – 10:10

Overview – Claire Starkey, President, Fintrac

*A brief introduction of session format and participants.*

10:10 – 10:20

Feed the Future – Tjada McKenna, Deputy Coordinator for Development, Feed the Future

*How recent US government initiatives are addressing food security challenges.*

10:20 – 10:30

Smallholder Technologies – Bob Rabatsky, Director, Partnering for Innovation

*How adoption leads to dramatic impact on productivity, profitability, and sustainability.*

10:30 – 10:40

Accessing Program Services – Charity Hanif, Partnership Manager, Partnering for Innovation

*From learning platforms to commercialization grants, the process and procedures for application, consideration, and participation in Partnering for Innovation activities.*

10:40 – 10:55

Critical Smallholder Challenges and Solutions – Maggie Dugan & Stavros Michailidis, Knowinnovation

*An interactive exercise led by a team that regularly facilitates brainstorming sessions with leading scientists across the globe.*

10:55 – 11:05

Discovering New Tools for Agriculture – Dr. Ray Weil, University of Maryland

*A presentation on a new product being developed to test soils, as an illustrative example of the fresh ideas that can bring consequential improvements to farming practices.*

11:05 – 11:30

Game Changers – Claire Starkey & Knowinnovation

*Bringing best practices to scale, repurposing existing ones, creating partnerships, optimizing resources.*

**“The future is here. It’s just not evenly distributed yet.”**

***William Gibson***