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NCSU named finalist for \$450M facility

RALEIGH - North Carolina State University has made the cut as one of the finalists to land a \$450 million Department of Homeland Security research facility.

The university's College of Veterinary Medicine is leading a consortium of state agencies

proposing several sites across North Carolina. Officials may now prepare a more detailed proposal to submit to DHS. At least 18 sites in 11 states made the short list.

The 500,000-square-foot facility, called the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, or NBAF, will focus on developing protections for the country's agricultural and biological infrastructure. The site must be at least 30 acres.

By the end of the year, DHS expects to review the more detailed information and narrow its list of candidates to just a few finalists.

Those finalists will then undergo environmental impact studies. The final NBAF site will be named in early 2008.