

Program Name: Enhanced Mitigation Techniques for the Control of Several Whitefly Species
Project ID: 2804
Lead Agency: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Plant Industry

Strategy and Biennial Report Objective Addressed: 2-B.4
Invasive Species Strategic Action Framework Goal: 4

Project Synopsis: This is the second year of this project in which FDACS-DPI is coordinating with researchers and extension specialists from the University of Florida to identify and enhance existing natural enemies for the rugose spiraling whitefly (*Aleurodicus rugioperculatus*), Bondar’s nesting whitefly (*Paraleyrodes bondari*) and ficus whitefly (*Singhiella simplex*). These three whitefly species are fairly recent exotic introductions into Florida and have become serious landscape pests. The goal of this project is to identify potential natural enemies for each of these species that exist in Florida and to enhance their populations to a level that good biological control can be obtained.

Current Status: Ongoing (project up for renewal annually)

Project Schedule:

Start Date: 8/9/2013
Finish Date: 8/9/2014

Detailed Project Budget Information

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Balance to Complete	Total
Federal	\$113,967						
SFWMD**							
Local							
Total	\$113,967						TBD

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