a $2 million grant proposal for USAID that developed a program to implement *Feed the Future* initiatives in a developing country. We had to find collaborating institutions, generate scalable technologies, meet multiple *Feed the Future* goals, and include diversity initiatives that would benefit our target country.

Working with graduate students in nutrition, plant pathology, rural sociology, and crop breeding fostered a wide range of perspectives that was necessary to combat the incredibly complex challenge of increasing food security in the developing world. The key to successful proposal development was having a clear challenge and clear objectives, including everyone’s expertise, using local low-cost inputs to develop scalable technologies and forcing each other to defend the efficacy of our ideas. The process showed me the immense capability of focused collaboration to improve community development. A nonprofit founded on this type of collaboration could be developed in the US to obtain grant money for science that addresses regional challenges. These nonprofits have potential to create sustainable jobs that provide lasting benefit to communities and the environment.

**E pluribus unum**

The greatest capital of the United States has always been its diverse people, and the same can be said of our Societies. The greatest strength of the United States has been its land, and we in the Societies are uniquely tied to that land which knows no political boundary. We are wherever the soil is from sea to shining sea. The challenge is to combine our capital and our strength to address divisions in this great country. The 2016 election should cause all of us to pause and realize that our science isn’t done in a vacuum. We interface with both the land and the people who live on the land in rural and urban environments. Early career scientists from both population centers need to work together. While our skills are not a cure-all for bridging the divides in the United States, we should recognize the extraordinary potential for ASA, CSSA, and SSSA to make our country a better place.

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### Soil Physics & Hydrology Early Career Award

Asim Biswas, Assistant Professor at University of Guelph and an Adjunct Professor at McGill University, Canada, is the recipient of the 2016 Soil Physics and Hydrology Division Early Career Award. He received his PhD from University of Saskatchewan, Canada. In his short career, Dr. Biswas has already made significant and original contributions for characterizing soil variability and in linking soil physics to tools and applications in a range of disciplines including mathematics, physics, chemistry, hydrology, pedology, and agronomy. His excellent publication record, both in quality and quantity, is especially impressive given that he's concurrently contributed significantly to teaching and training of students. He has also demonstrated dedication to service and promotion of our profession.

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