

Number and Composition of Participants in Data Collection Methods from the Internal and External Assessment and Analysis of Existing Centers

Category	Collection Method	No. of Sessions	Participant #	Composition
<i>Internal Assessment</i>	Anonymous survey	1	12	Faculty and staff members in the Plant and Soil Science Department and related departments and the leadership of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
	Focus group	2	10	Selected anonymous survey participants participated in both groups
	Interview	1	1	A survey participant unable to attend focus groups
<i>External Assessment</i>	Focus group	3	10	Leaders in public horticulture from public gardens, academia, the green industry, and government participated in all three groups
	Interview	5	5	Leaders in public horticulture from public gardens were interviewed individually
	Collaborations survey	3	41	Directors and staff from various public horticultural institutions (24), directors or staff members from representative horticultural organizations (5), and the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs from the American Public Gardens Association (12)
<i>Analysis of Existing Centers</i>	Survey	1	16	Directors of existing centers
	Interview	2	2	Directors from The Center for Composite Materials and The Institute for Public Administration at University of Delaware were interviewed separately