

# Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)/USDA Agency Update



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# Topics

- FCEA
- FY 2010 President's Budget
- CSREES Grants.gov Application Guide

# Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (FCEA) (P.L. 110-246)

- Launched new Specialty Crops Research Initiative (SCRI)
  - Competitively awarded \$30 m in FY08
  - Solicited for \$50 m grants (4/15/09 deadline)

# FCEA

- Competed Smith-Lever 3(d) funds (except EFNEP)
  - IPM and CPM funds no longer on formula basis
  - FY09 – 1890s & UDC fully eligible
- Published Interim Final regulations covering all nonformula grant programs
  - Finalizing subparts for specific programs

# FCEA

- Grew programs with enhanced funding
  - \$18 m - Organic Agriculture Research & Extension Initiative
  - \$15 m - Outreach & Assistance to Socially Disadvantaged Farmers & Ranchers (2501) -

# Implementing AFRI

- Soliciting FY09 applications for \$190 m for Agriculture and Food Research Initiative
  - Program announcement in December 2008
  - FY09 budget and full RFA in March 2009
  - Deadlines through 2009

# AFRI Funding Described

- 30% (+) for integrated programs
- Of AFRI research funds:
  - 60% for basic research
  - 40% for applied research
- 30% (+) for multidisciplinary team research

# AFRI Funding Described

- 10% (+) for Food and Ag Science Enhancement Awards
  - Available across AFRI programs
  - Enhance institutional capacity
  - Attract new scientists into high-priority areas of National need in ag, food, & environmental sciences

# Soliciting for Mandatory Programs

- \$18 m - Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development (deadline 5/13/09)
- \$20 m - Biomass Research and Development Initiative (joint with DOE, preapplication deadline 3/10/09)
- \$1 m – Healthy Urban Food Enterprise Development Center (RFA in May 2009)

# Changes to Existing Programs

- 1890 Capacity Building Program funds Extension, too
  - Soliciting input through 5/20/09, see FR
- Risk Management Education Program funds special emphasis areas

# FCEA Changes to Administration

- Matching not considered during peer review
- 22 % cap on indirect costs, unless full/no indirects based on authority
  - Federal Administration grants, too
  - FY09 SCRI – applicants can use unrecovered indirects to meet match requirement

# Budget for FY 2009

- Soliciting for noncompetitive line-items
  - May 15, 2009 deadline

# New Era Rural Technology Program

- \$750k in FY09
- Eligibles - public or private nonprofit community colleges, advanced technological centers
- For technology development, applied research, & training
- To develop ag-based renewable energy workforce to serve rural communities
- Soliciting by end of May 2009

# FY 2010 President's Budget

- Reflects the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)
- Proposes increased funding of \$70 m for rural revitalization initiative
- Sustained funding proposed for Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) program
- Proposes funding to continue program activities for most programs at FY 09 Omnibus Appropriation level
- [http://www.obpa.usda.gov/budsum/budget\\_summary.html](http://www.obpa.usda.gov/budsum/budget_summary.html)

# CSREES Grants.gov Application Guide

- Update to include:
  - Modification to Senior/Key Persons instructions
  - Correction to links for suggested templates

# Questions?

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