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The Council Caller

The Council on Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics (C-FARE) is a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the application of economics to food, agricultural, and resource issues at the national level. "The Council Caller" is a monthly e-newsletter provided by C-FARE with informational updates for agricultural and applied economists.

Legislative Action and Updates

USDA and Department of Justice Announce Agenda for August Livestock Workshop

USDA and the Department of Justice announced the agenda and panelists for the Aug. 27, 2010, joint public workshop in Fort Collins, Colorado on competition in the livestock industry. This is the fourth in a series of five public workshops. This workshop is focused on the state of competition and regulation in the livestock sectors, in particular the cattle industry. Visit:

http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/lut/p/c5/04_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP0os_gAC9-wMJ8QY0MDpxBDA09nXw9DFxcXQ-cAA_1wkA5kFaGuQBXeASbmnu4uBgbe5hB5AxzA0UDfzyM_N1W_IDS7zdFRUREAZXAppA!!/dl3/d3/L2dJQSEvUUt3QS9ZQnZ3LzZfUDhNVIZMVDmMEJUMTBJQ01IMURERDFDUDA!/?contentidonly=true&contentid=2010%2f08%2f0418.xml.

Research and Grant Information

Funding Opportunity for Research on the Economic Impact of Cooperatives

USDA Rural Development requests proposals for a competitive cooperative research agreement on the national economic impact of all types of cooperatives. Deadline for submission is September 1, 2010. For details visit: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/reic.htm>.

2011 NIH Directors Pioneer Award Program

The National Institutes of Health Directors Pioneer Award program supports individual scientists who propose "pioneering and possibly transforming approaches to addressing major biomedical or behavioral challenges. Application closing date is September 13, 2010. For details visit:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-10-008.html>.

Environmental Research Apprenticeship Program for Undergraduate Students

EPA seeks to implement an apprenticeship program for up to 15 undergraduate college students. This program provides undergraduate students with year-round research opportunities that allow students to relate hands-on research experience with formal academic studies. Deadline for application is September 15, 2010. For details visit: <http://www.epa.gov/nrmrl/tech/funding.html>.

2011 NIH Directors New Innovator Award Program

The National Institutes of Health Directors New Innovator (DP2) Award program supports creative early stage investigators who propose bold and highly innovative new research approaches that have the potential to produce a major impact on broad, important problems in biomedical and behavioral research. Application closing date is September 20, 2010. For details visit:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-10-009.html>.

Notice of Funding Availability for Renewable Energy Feasibility Studies Grants

Rural Energy for America Program announces the availability of FY2010 grants to conduct feasibility studies for renewable energy systems for agriculture producers and rural small businesses. Deadline is October 5, 2010. For details visit: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/REAPFEAS.htm>.

USDA NIFA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Fellowships Grant

The AFRI NIFA Fellowships Grant Program provides fellowships for predoctoral and postdoctoral students. Application deadline is October 5, 2010. For details visit: http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/afri_rfa.html

Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (BRAINS)

The NIH Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (BRAINS) are intended to support the research and career development of outstanding new scientists in the mental health field. Applicants should review the research priorities and gap areas identified in the NIMH Strategic Plan (<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/strategic-planning-reports/index.shtml>). Application closing date is October 19, 2010. For details visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-11-050.html>.

NIH Outstanding New Environmental Scientist Award (ONES) Grant

The goal of the Outstanding New Environmental Scientist Award is to identify and attract outstanding new environmental health researchers and encourage their early transition to independence. Application deadline is October 29, 2010. For details visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-10-004.html>

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative: NIFA Fellowships Grant Program

The AFRI NIFA Fellowships Grant Program provides fellowships for predoctoral and postdoctoral students. Application closing date is October 5, 2010. For details visit: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/afrinifafellowshipsgrantprogram.cfm>.

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Sustainable Bioenergy

This RFA focuses on the priority to secure America's energy future. It supports the development of regional systems for the sustainable production of bioenergy and biobased products that contribute significantly to reducing dependence on foreign oil, have net positive social, environmental, and rural economic impacts, and are compatible with existing agricultural systems. Deadline is September 15, 2010. For details visit: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/afrisustainablebioenergy.cfm>.

National Institutes of Health Economics of Prevention

This opportunity for funding will support research to conduct economic analyses of prevention and health. Applications must be responsive to one of four topic areas that target research that addresses costs of health care, benefits to the health care system and other sectors of the economy and cost-effectiveness all within the context of prevention and health. Application deadline is October 26, 2010. For more details visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-10-015.html>.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Applications

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research program is designed to help develop a new generation of creative health policy thinkers and researchers. The program invites recent graduates of doctoral programs in economics, political science, and sociology, including junior faculty, to apply. Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously worked extensively in health or health policy research. Deadline is October 13, 2010. For details visit: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=302200029.

NIH Grant to Study Effects of the Social Environment on Health

NIH is soliciting research grant applications from institutions/organizations that propose to investigate "mechanisms through which the social environment affects health outcomes." Application closing date is January 6, 2011. For details visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-11-003.html>.

Workshops and Meetings

Notice of Public Hearing Concerning China's Compliance with WTO Commitments

The interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee will convene a public hearing on October 6, 2010 in Washington, DC to assist the Office of the United States Trade Representative in the preparation of its annual report to the Congress on China's compliance with WTO commitments. Persons wishing to testify at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention, as well as a copy of their testimony, by noon, Wednesday, September 22, 2010. Written comments are due by noon, Monday, September 27, 2010. For details visit: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-19066.pdf>.

Economists Debate Development Strategies

At a recent Stockholm conference, top economists challenged traditional approaches to development, and debated topics such as aid effectiveness, climate change, and post-crisis recovery. The event attracted more than 500 global experts and featured a debate that included three Nobel laureates. Young people made their voices heard in Stockholm with the culmination of the 2010 International Essay Competition, which had its final jury during the conference. For details visit: http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/NEWS/0,,contentMDK:22606963~pagePK:64257043~piPK:437376~theSitePK:4607,00.html?cid=ISG_E_WBWeeklyUpdate_NL

Other News

Request for Nominations for the National Environmental Education Advisory Council

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education Staff Office is soliciting applications for environmental education professionals for consideration on the National Environmental Education Advisory Council (NEEAC). There is currently a vacancy on the Advisory Council that must be filled: one College and University representative (2010-2013). Applications should be submitted by September 30, 2010. For details visit the July 28, 2010 Federal Register (Volume 75, Number 144; pages 44255-44256).

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

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