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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

Analysis of Waxman-Markey Legislation

To view the Executive Summary of the EPA Analysis of the Waxman-Markey Discussion Draft: The American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, please visit:http://www.eenews.net/features/documents/2009/04/21/document_pm_01.pdf.

To view the full report visit:

http://www.eenews.net/features/documents/2009/04/21/document_pm_02.pdf.

President Obama Comments To Academy

On April 28, 2009, in a speech to the National Academy of Sciences members, President Barack Obama announced major initiatives to boost research funding and bolster math and science education. For details visit:

<http://www.nationalacademies.org/morenews/20090428.html>

Secretary Vilsack Returns From G8 Agriculture Ministerial on Food Security

To read information on Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack's returned from the first-ever gathering of the G8 Agriculture Ministerial, please visit:

http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/.s.7.0.A/7.0.1UH/.cmd/ad/.ar/sa.retrievecontent/c/6.2.1FB/.ce/7.2.5V2/.p/5.2.4VC/.d/1/th/J.2.FB/.s.7.0.A/7.0.1UH?PC.7.2.5V2.navid=NEWS_RELEASE&PC.7.2.5V2.contentid=2009%2F04%2F0118.xml&PC.7.2.5V2.parentnav=LATEST_RELEASES#7.2.5V2

Research and Grant Information

Water Environment Research Foundation Offers Funding

The Water Environment Research Foundation is offering funds through the Paul L. Busch Award to encourage researchers to address ongoing water quality issues.

Application deadline is June 1, 2009. For details visit

http://www.werf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Paul_L_Busch_Award&Template=/C/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=1427.

National Needs and Postgraduate Fellowship Grants Program

This program awards grants to train students for master's and/or doctoral degrees and provide additional postdoctoral training for Fellows who have completed their doctoral degrees. Application deadline is May 8. For details please visit: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/graduateandpostgraduatefellowshipsserd.cfm>.

Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) application deadline is May 13. For more details please visit: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/beginningfarmerandrancher.cfm>.

2009 SNAP Participation Program

The Food and Nutrition Service announces an opportunity to submit grant applications for the 2009 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation Grants. Application deadline is June 11, 2009. For more details visit: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/government/program-improvement.htm>.

Food Protection Task Force Conference

This opportunity from the Food and Drug Administration solicits applications from institutions/organizations that propose to organize Food Protection Task Force meetings to foster communication and cooperation and collaboration within the States among State, local, and tribal food protection, public health, agriculture, and regulatory agencies. Application deadline is May 11. For details visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-123.html>.

NIH Recovery Act Funds

NIH announces the opportunity for investigators with active NIH Research Grants to request administrative supplements for the purpose of promoting job creation, economic development, and accelerating the pace and achievement of scientific research. There are multiple deadlines. For details visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-060.html>. NIH also announces the opportunity for investigators with active NIH Research Grants to request administrative supplements for the purpose accelerating the tempo of scientific research on active grants. There are multiple deadlines. For details visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-056.html>.

HHS Academic Research Enhancement Award

The purpose of the Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) program is to stimulate research in educational institutions that provide baccalaureate or advanced degrees for a significant number of the Nation's research scientists, but that have not been major recipients of NIH support. These AREA grants create opportunities for scientists and institutions otherwise unlikely to participate extensively in NIH programs, to contribute to the Nation's biomedical and behavioral research effort. There are multiple deadlines. For details visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-042.html>. Also visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-09-007.html>.

1890 Land-Grant Institution Rural Entrepreneurial Outreach and Development

Makes funding available to 1890 Institutions for competitively awarded cooperative agreements for projects that support USDA Rural Development's goals and objectives of providing technical assistance for business creation in economically challenged rural communities, for educational programs to develop and improve upon the professional skills of rural entrepreneurs, and for outreach and promotion of USDA Rural Development's programs in small rural communities with the greatest economic need. For more details please visit:

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/oa/1890.htm>.

Grants to Study the Impact of the Economic Stimulus Package

The SciSIP program will take advantage of NSF's Rapid Response Research funding mechanism to accept short RAPID proposals that attempt to answer many of the outcome questions that will be asked about the impact of the stimulus package as well as to advance the scientific understanding of science policy. For details visit:

http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09034/nsf09034.jsp?govDel=USNSF_25.

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Agribusiness Markets and Trade

The Agribusiness Markets and Trade program is designed to maintain and expand domestic and international markets and to identify public policies and private strategies that may be employed to enhance efficiency, equity, and the competitiveness of the U.S. agribusiness sector. Application deadline is May 17. For more details visit

<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/marketsandtradeafri.cfm>.

Enhancing Ecosystem Services from Agricultural Lands

This program is offered in partnership with the Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program of the EPA. Proposals must be submitted through EPA. The program will support research on the ecosystem services in agricultural settings, including both agroecosystems and ecosystems that are impacted by agriculture, with the goal of quantifying these services, identifying risks due to different stressors, and developing strategies to reduce negative environmental impacts while enhancing ecosystem services provided by working lands. Application deadline is May 26. Visit:

<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/enhancingecosystemservicesafri.cfm>.

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Global and Climate Change

For FY 2009, this program will work in partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to support the Enhancing Ecosystem Services from Agricultural Lands: Management, Quantification, and Developing Decision Support Tools program.

Proposals must be submitted through EPA. Application deadline is May 26. For more details please visit: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/globalandclimatechangeafri.cfm>.

Funding for Research on Tax Policies Impact on Family Forests

The American Forest Foundation seeks proposals from research professionals who are interested in investigating the impact of state and local tax policies on family forests. Application deadline is May 28, 2009. For more details visit:

www.forestfoundation.org/research.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Funding for Health Data Collection Program

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has issued a call for proposals through its national program, Project HealthDesign: Rethinking the Power and Potential of Personal Health Records. Funded teams will work closely with patients and providers to demonstrate how health data from everyday life can be collected, interpreted, and integrated into the clinical care process. Deadline is June 3, 2009. For details visit: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20762>.

Farm Foundation 30-Year Challenge Competition

Farm Foundation has organized a competition for innovative public policy options to address challenges facing agriculture and the food system. Deadline is June 1, 2009. For details view: <http://www.farmfoundation.org/news/articlefiles/1694-Final%2030%20Year%20Challenge.pdf>.

NSF Grant for Environment, Society and the Economy

The Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences and the Directorate for Geosciences seek to increase collaboration between the geosciences and the social, behavioral and economic sciences by augmenting funding for interdisciplinary research related to the Environment, Society and the Economy. For information visit: http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09046/nsf09046.pdf?govDel=USNSF_25.

Publications and Papers

New NSF Outreach Website

The National Science Foundation launched a new outreach website that is concerned with research. Visit: <http://www.science360.gov/>.

U.S. Public Agricultural Research

USDA ERS released a report focusing on the way public agricultural research is funded in the United States and how changes in funding sources over the last 25 years reflect changes in the type of research pursued. To view the report visit <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/EIB45/>.

A Guide to Research Findings From USDA's ERS

This book contains a sampling of recent ERS research illustrating the breadth of the Agency's research on current policy issues. For details visit <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/EIB48/>.

The 2008/2009 World Economic Crisis: What It Means for US Agriculture

The world economic crisis that began in 2008 has major consequences for U.S. agriculture. To view this publication visit: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/WRS0902/>.

Workshops and Meetings

International Colloquium Meta-Analysis of Economics Research

Dr. Randall Rosenberger and Oregon State University will host a colloquium on October 2-3, 2009 for those engaged in meta-analyses of economics research or are interested in learning more about this area. For more information

<http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/maernetwork/index.html>

Other News

President Obama Announces More Key Administration Posts

President Obama intends to nominate Rajiv Shah as Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics at USDA. For more details visit:

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/ s.7 0 A/7 0 1UH/.cmd/ad/.ar/sa.retrievecontent/c/6 2 1FB/ce/7 2 5V2/.p/5 2 4VC/.d/1/ th/J 2 FB/ s.7 0 A/7 0 1UH?PC 7 2 5V2 navid=NEWS RELEASE&PC 7 2 5V2 contentid=2009%2F04%2F0115.xml&PC 7 2 5V2 parentnav=LATEST RELEASES#7 2 5V2>

Updated Research, Education and Economics Information System

On April 13, 2009 USDA unveiled an updated version of USDA's Research, Education and Economics Information System (REEIS), which allows the public to measure the impact and effectiveness of the Department's research, education and extension programs. The latest version adds additional data sources, opens data to Google Search and provides for extended data analysis.

Input on the Roadmap for Agricultural Research, Education, and Extension

The Research, Education, and Extension Office of the Research, Education, and Economics Mission Area of USDA is requesting written stakeholder input on the preparation of a roadmap for agricultural research, education, and extension at USDA. All written comments must be received by May 31, 2009. For details visit:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-7252.htm>.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

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