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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**

### **FY 2009 Appropriations Bills**

On June 19 the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee marked up the FY 2009 Appropriations Bill. The House has not reported its version of the bill. On July 17 the Senate Agriculture Committee marked up the FY 2009 Appropriations Bill. For details from the Senate please visit their website at:

<http://appropriations.senate.gov/agriculture.cfm>.

## **Research and Grant Information**

### **CSREES Specialty Crop Research Initiative**

The Specialty Crop Research Initiative has five focus areas including but not limited to: (a) Efforts to improve production efficiency, productivity, and profitability over the long term, and (e) Methods to prevent, detect, monitor, control, and respond to potential food safety hazards in the production and processing of specialty crops.

Application deadline is August 14, 2008. For more information visit:

[http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/specialty\\_crop.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/specialty_crop.html).

### **NIH Methodology and Measurement in the Behavioral and Social Sciences**

Grants are encouraged which focus to improve and develop methodology and measurement in the behavioral and social sciences through innovations in research design, data collection techniques, measurement, and data analysis techniques. For more details please visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-08-212.html>.

### **Meetings, Conferences, and Networks for Research Partnerships**

This funding opportunity announcement solicits Conference Grant applications from applicant organizations for meetings and networks that will facilitate interdisciplinary research partnership among investigators. For more details please visit:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-08-207.html>.

### **Innovations for Interdisciplinary Research Incorporating the Social Sciences**

This opportunity solicits Small Business Technology Transfer grant applications from small business concerns for development of new, innovative technologies for research integrating human social and/or behavioral science with other disciplines. Application deadline is September 17, 2008. For more details please visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-201.html>.

### **Causal Factors that Support the Careers of Women in Behavioral Science**

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support research on: 1) causal factors explaining the current patterns observed in the careers of women in biomedical and behavioral science and engineering and variation across different subgroups and 2) the efficacy of programs designed to support the careers of women in these disciplines. Application deadline is October 22, 2008. For more details please visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-GM-09-012.html>.

### **NIH Research on Interventions that Promote Research Careers Grant**

This funding opportunity will support research that will test motivation and preparedness for careers in biomedical and behavioral research, with a particular interest in those interventions to increase the number of students from underrepresented groups. Deadline is October 30, 2008. For more details visit: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=true&opId=18087>

### **Investigations Focused on Promoting the Safety of Produce**

The (FDA) Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) maintains an active intramural research program. This research is focused on five primary CFSAN program priorities; ensuring the safety of food, dietary, supplements and cosmetics; improving nutrition; and promoting the security and integrity of the food supply. It is intended that any additional extramural research efforts in food safety will complement the Center's intramural research efforts, and generally enhance the Agency's and the Nation's ability to reduce the incidence of food borne illness and protect the integrity of the nation's food supply. Application deadline is September 2, 2008. For details please visit: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-12159.pdf>.

### **FDA Support for Small Scientific Conference Grant Program**

FDA offers this opportunity to partially support scientific meetings and conferences. Application deadline is October 15, 2008. For details visit: <http://www.grants.gov/search/announce.do;jsessionid=LNpPnN1gQBt2QfKIINCpnrlcl5FyTT909tDQIP9m45DdvhhHfLsF!1099353061>.

### **Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research Grant**

Funds are available for administrative supplements to improve the diversity of the research workforce by supporting and recruiting students, postdoctorates, and eligible investigators from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented. For details please visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-190.html>.

### **Research Supplements to Promote Re-Entry into Behavioral Research Careers**

This is a continuing program for administrative supplements to research grants to support individuals with high potential to re-enter an active research career after a qualifying interruption for family or other responsibilities. For details please visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-191.html>

### **NSF Science of Science and Innovation Policy Grant**

The SciSIP program underwrites research that creates new explanatory tools to inform the nation's public and private sectors about the processes through which investments in science and engineering research are transformed into social and economic outcomes. Application deadline is December 16, 2008. For more details please visit: [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf08586](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf08586).

### **NSF Partnerships for Innovation Grant**

One of the goals of the Partnerships for Innovation Program is to stimulate the transformation of knowledge created by the research and education enterprise into innovations that create new wealth; build strong economies; and improve the national well-being. The letter of intent is due October 31, 2008. For details visit: [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf08583](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf08583).

### **RIDGE Project Summaries, 2007**

To view research findings from the Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics Program (RIDGE), please view: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/AP/AP029/>.

### **Kresge Foundation Announces Programs in Health and Environment**

The Kresge Foundation has announced two new comprehensive grant making programs: the Health Program and the Environment Program. Both the Health and Environment Programs address health and environment-related social issues. The Environment Program seeks to have tangible effects on the practices and policies associated with climate change and environmental sustainability. For details please visit: <http://www.kresge.org/content/displaycontent.aspx?CID=154>.

## **Publications and Papers**

### **CSREES White Paper on Specialty Crops**

USDA CSREES released a white paper on specialty crops which can be viewed at: [www.csrees.usda.gov/about/white\\_papers/pdfs/specialty\\_crops.pdf](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/about/white_papers/pdfs/specialty_crops.pdf).

### **New Choices Articles Available Online**

The AAEA released the second quarter issue of Choices. To access the magazine please visit: [www.choicesmagazine.org/](http://www.choicesmagazine.org/). This issue addresses the themes of high commodity prices and the role and value of ecosystem services provided by rural landscapes. In addition, AAEA is introducing a Policy Issues series designed to present timely policy analyses.

### **DatelinERS Newsletter**

The DatelinERS newsletter offers concise summaries of ERS reports and events. Visit the newsletter at: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/News/DatelinERSNewsletter.htm>.

### **Call For Papers On The World Food Crisis**

To accelerate the formal publication of current work explaining the price rise and evaluate possible responses, the editors of Agricultural Economics invite you to consider submitting a paper on this topic by August 22nd. Papers must be submitted at <http://editorialexpress.com/agecon>.

## **Workshops and Meetings**

### **NABE Annual Meeting**

The National Association of Business Economists (NABE) will hold their 50th annual meeting on October 4-7, 2008 in Washington, DC. For details please visit: <http://www.nabe.com/am2008/index.html>.

### **Applied Commodity Price Analysis**

The 2009 NCCC-134 meeting on Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting and Market Risk Management will take place April 20-21, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel St. Louis, Missouri. The deadline for proposals is October 1, 2008. For details visit: <http://www.farmdoc.uiuc.edu/nccc134/>.

### **Workshop on Broadband in Rural Economy**

The workshop highlights current research on the value of information technology for the economy with specific focus on the agriculture, food, and rural sectors. For details visit: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/ConferenceCenter/Broadband/>.

## **Other News**

### **USDA Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board**

The Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board is soliciting nominations to the Board for six categories. The deadline is August 25, 2008. For details visit [www.nareeeab.ree.usda.gov](http://www.nareeeab.ree.usda.gov).

### **USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum Diversity Program**

The USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum Diversity Program is aimed to encourage juniors and seniors to attend the Spring Outlook Forum. This program seeks to provide an opportunity for students from the Land-Grant University system and the Hispanic-Serving Institutions for next year. For more information please visit: [http://www.usda.gov/oce/forum/diversity/diversity\\_program.htm](http://www.usda.gov/oce/forum/diversity/diversity_program.htm).

### **2009 United Nations National Competitive Recruitment Examination**

The National Competitive Recruitment Examinations is held on a yearly basis in countries that are selected on the basis of their representation in the Secretariat. Every year, the Organization targets the nationals of Member States that are not adequately represented in the Secretariat for recruitment through competitive examinations. The purpose of these examinations is to establish rosters of candidates to fill positions at the Junior Professional level. Deadline is October 31, 2008. For details please visit: [www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/examin/ncrepage.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/examin/ncrepage.htm).

### **Farm Foundation Vice President**

Farm Foundation is seeking applicants for the position of Vice President. The Vice President serves as the Chief Operating Office of Farm Foundation and is responsible to the President for all aspects of the Foundation's business and financial operations, and participates actively in program management and representation. Applications will be reviewed beginning September 2, 2008. For details please visit: <http://www.farmfoundation.org/news/templates/template.aspx?articleid=5&zoneid=6>.

### **Halbrook to Become Department Head at University of Arkansas**

Steve Halbrook, who served as Farm Foundation Vice President for 17 years, has resigned to become Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Arkansas.

### **EDITORIAL COMMENTS**

If you have any feedback for C-FARE or would like to inform us of a research area you have been working on, please contact Tamara Wagester, Executive Director at 202-408-8522 or by e-mail [tamarawagester@cfare.org](mailto:tamarawagester@cfare.org). If you are not currently getting our monthly e-newsletter directly from C-FARE, and would like to subscribe to "The Council Caller", please send an E-mail directly to [CFAREinfo@aol.com](mailto:CFAREinfo@aol.com).

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