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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**

### **Presidential Candidate Debate on Science**

The National Academy of Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science have joined several other organizations and universities in an effort to co-sponsor a presidential candidate debate on science, technology, health, and the economy. For details visit: <http://www.nationalacademies.org/morenews/20080204.html>.

### **CSREES FY 2009 Budget Information**

Information and highlights of the CSREES FY 09 Budget proposal are posted at: [http://www.csrees.usda.gov/about/offices/budget/09\\_budget\\_ppt.pdf](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/about/offices/budget/09_budget_ppt.pdf).

## **Research and Grant Information**

### **NSF Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship Program**

The Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship program is intended to catalyze a cultural change in graduate education, for students, faculty, and institutions, by establishing innovative new models for education and training in an environment that transcends traditional disciplinary boundaries. Application deadline is April 24, 2008. For details visit: [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf08540](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf08540)

### **CSREES 1890 Facilities**

The 1890 Facilities Grants Program provides funds for the acquisition and improvement of agricultural and food sciences facilities and equipment. Application deadline is March 28, 2008. For details visit: [http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/1890\\_facilities.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/1890_facilities.html).

### **Targeted Rural Health Research Grant Program**

The program supports 18-month Rural Health Research studies on a selected number of topics. Application deadline is April 2, 2008. For details please visit: <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?FundingCycleId=575E7D5B-F3E6-4529-8811-0A944D0F2C74&ViewMode=EU&GoBack=&PrintMode=&OnlineAvailabilityFlag=&pageNumber=&version=&NC=&Popup=>.

### **Environmental Economics Workshops**

The EPA National Center for Environmental Economics is accepting proposals for "Environmental Economics Workshops." Application deadline is March 24, 2008. For details visit: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/ee/epa/eed.nsf/Webpages/GrantSolicitations.html>.

### **National Extension Integrated Pest Management Special Projects Program**

The National Extension Integrated Pest Management Special Projects Program will provide funding to advance the goals of the National Roadmap for Integrated Pest Management by addressing priority national. Applications are due April 8, 2008. For details visit: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/eipm.html>.

### **Consequences of Global Change for Water Quality**

EPA is seeking applications proposing research to better understand the effect of global change on U.S. water quality. Application deadline is May 8, 2008. For details visit: [http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008\\_star\\_gcwq.html](http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008_star_gcwq.html).

### **EPA Early Career Projects: Global Change for Water Quality**

EPA is seeking applications proposing research to better understand the effect of global change on U.S. water quality. Application deadline is May 8, 2008. For more details please visit: [http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008\\_star\\_gcwq.html](http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008_star_gcwq.html).

### **Assessment of Climate Change Impacts and Adaptations**

The DOE Office of Biological and Environmental Research of the Office of Science, is accepting applications for basic research and modeling to support assessment of climate change impacts and adaptations under the Integrated Assessment Research Program. Deadline is April 14, 2008. For details visit: <https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/21D2E680BB53A056852573EF006B1A32?OpenDocument>.

### **Rural Cooperative Development Grant**

Provides grant funds for rural cooperative development. Application deadline is April 8, 2008. For more information visit: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/rcdg.htm>.

### **National Research Initiative - Air Quality**

The long-term goals of this NRI program are: a) develop data that will lead to emission reduction targets that will significantly improve air quality and protect human and environmental health; b) develop mitigation strategies that will increase adoption of best management practices to reduce emissions; and c) improve understanding of odor, gases, and particulate matter measurement. Letter of Intent due date is March 5, 2008. For details please visit: [http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/nri\\_rfa.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/nri_rfa.html).

### **National Research Initiative - Human Nutrition and Obesity**

Projects funded by this program are intended to lead to a better understanding of the behavioral and environmental factors that influence obesity and to the development and evaluation of effective interventions to prevent obesity. Application deadline is June 5, 2008. For details please visit: [http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/nri\\_rfa.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/nri_rfa.html)

### **National Integrated Water Quality Program**

The goal of the National Integrated Water Quality Program is to improve the quality of the Nation's surface water and groundwater resources through research, education, and extension activities. Application deadline is April 29, 2008. For details visit:

[http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/water\\_quality.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/water_quality.html)

## **Publications and Papers**

### **Repositioning Nutrition as Central to Development**

The new Lancet series on nutrition depicts the lamentable state of under-nutrition worldwide, and a corresponding negligence on the part of the development community to meet the challenge decisively. For details visit:

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/NEWS/0,,contentMDK:21627646~pagePK:34370~piPK:34424~theSitePK:4607,00.html>.

### **NRCS State Economics Website Updated**

The USDA NRCS Website state economics pages have been updated at

<http://www.economics.nrcs.usda.gov/care/budgets/>.

## **Workshops and Meetings**

### **Climate Information for Managing Risks**

“Climate Information for Managing Risks - Partnerships and Solutions for Agriculture and Natural Resources” will provide a forum for the exchange of knowledge, experiences, and ideas. The conference will be held June 10-13, 2008 in St. Pete Beach, Florida. For details visit: <http://www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/CIMR/>.

### **Integrated Competitive Programs Grantsmanship Workshop**

The 1890 Region and Florida A&M University will host a Grantsmanship Workshop March 10-11, in Memphis, TN. The workshop will cover CSREES Integrated Competitive Programs, focusing on the Section 406 Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Program and opportunities within the NRI for support of integrated activities. For details visit: <http://www.famu.edu/cesta/csrees-famu.cfm>.

### **PhD Workshops on the World Bank**

The Researchers' Alliance for Development is partnering with the World Bank on a series of workshops for doctoral students whose main area of research is the Bank. Each workshop brings together PhD students, Bank staff and academics from other institutions. The event will be held in Cape Town June 8-9, 2008. Deadline is March 12, 2008. For details visit: [http://www.radnetwork.org/content07\\_15\\_1](http://www.radnetwork.org/content07_15_1).

### **Ag Outlook Forum Materials**

The 2008 Ag Outlook Forum was held February 21-22 in Arlington, VA. For background including speeches and videos visit: <http://www.usda.gov/oce/forum/index.htm>.

## **Information, Economics, and the Food System**

“Information, Economics, and the Food System,” the annual policy conference the AAEA Food and Agricultural Marketing and Policy Section (FAMPS) and the Food Safety and Nutrition Section (FNS) will be held March 10, 2008 at USDA’s ERS. For details visit their website at: [http://www.aaea.org/sections/famps/post\\_conference.html](http://www.aaea.org/sections/famps/post_conference.html).

## **Understanding Agricultural Law & Its Importance to USDA**

“Understanding Agricultural Law & Its Importance to USDA” is an Ag Law seminar that scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> 2 – 4:00 pm at the U.S. Forest Service building. For details visit the USDA Economists Group website at: <http://www.usdaeconomists.org/>.

## **Other News**

### **New Division Director at National Research Council**

Barbara Wanchisen was recently named the Director of the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences of the National Research Council's Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE). For details visit: [http://www7.nationalacademies.org/dbasse/News\\_Release\\_BBCSS\\_Director\\_Named.pdf](http://www7.nationalacademies.org/dbasse/News_Release_BBCSS_Director_Named.pdf).

### **World Bank’s New Chief Economist**

Robert Zoellick announced the appointment of Justin Lin as the Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics at the World Bank. For details visit: <http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/NEWS/0,,contentMDK:21637044~pagePK:34370~piPK:34424~theSitePK:4607,00.html>.

### **Junior Professional Officers Program at World Bank**

The JPO Program is a donor funded program that provides professionals an opportunity to gain experience in an international organization. For details visit: <http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTHRJOBS/0,,contentMDK:20518967~menuPK:64262360~pagePK:64262408~piPK:64262191~theSitePK:1058433,00.html>

## **EDITORIAL COMMENTS**

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