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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**

### **World Bank Urges Action for 20 Most Vulnerable Countries in Food Crisis**

Bank President Robert Zoellick said a Rome summit should commit to helping the twenty most vulnerable countries in the coming weeks before soaring food prices push millions more into poverty or malnutrition. For more details please visit: <http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/NEWS/0,,contentMDK:21788506~pagePK:34370~piPK:34424~theSitePK:4607,00.html>.

## **Research and Grant Information**

### **Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Energy Efficiency**

This program provides funding to advance energy efficiency and clean energy programming and policies, including corporate greenhouse gas management, through cost effective strategies. Application deadline is August 6, 2008. For more details please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/air/grants/08-04cppd.pdf>.

### **NIH Academic Career Award**

The NIH Academic Career Award will provide support to increase the pool of individuals with academic and research expertise to become academic researchers and to enhance the educational or research capacity at the sponsoring institution. For details visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-152.html>.

### **Economics of Treatment and Prevention Services for Drug & Alcohol Abuse**

This Funding Opportunity encourages Research Project Grant applications on the economics of prevention and treatment services for drug and alcohol abuse. For more details please visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-172.html>.

### **Centers on the Demography and Economics of Aging**

The Research and Development Center grant applications in the areas of demography and economics of aging. Application deadline is October 30, 2008. For details visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-09-005.html>.

### **Research Education Program to Increase Diversity in Health-Related Research**

The overall goal of the program is to provide research opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds and others who are underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral research that will significantly contribute to a diverse research workforce in the future. Application deadline is August 15, 2008. For more details visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-08-016.html>.

### **Food Safety Research: Focused on Promoting the Safety of Produce**

The Food and Drug Administration Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition research program focuses on five primary priorities; ensuring the safety of food, dietary, supplements and cosmetics; improving nutrition; and promoting the security and integrity of the food supply. Application deadline is August 2, 2008. For more details please visit: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-12159.pdf>.

### **Research Experience for Undergraduates**

The Research Experiences for Undergraduates program supports active research participation by undergraduate students in any of the areas of research funded by the National Science Foundation. Application deadline is August 18, 2008. For more details please visit: [http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu\\_search.cfm](http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.cfm).

### **Applications Sought for the Biodiesel Fuel Education Program**

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 reauthorizes the Biodiesel Fuel Education Program, a competitive grants program to educate about the benefits of biodiesel fuel use. CSREES, in cooperation with USDA's Office of Energy Policy and New Uses, will solicit applications during July with a deadline in August.

### **Small Business Innovation Research Program**

The Small Business Innovation Research program offers grants to qualified small businesses in support of high quality, innovative research related to important scientific problems and opportunities in agriculture that could lead to significant public benefit if successfully commercialized. Application closing date is September 4th, 2008. For more details please view: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/sbir.html>.

### **Active Living Research and Healthy Eating Research Program**

Active Living Research and Healthy Eating Research are programs of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that support research to identify policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity, promoting healthy eating, and preventing obesity. Deadlines for invited proposals are August 15 or October 15, 2008. For details visit: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20361>.

### **Faculty Applications for Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship**

The Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship is a strategic program designed to help graduate students in the humanities and social sciences formulate doctoral dissertation proposals. The program is administered by the Social Science Research Council and is funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Application deadline is October 3, 2008. For details please visit: <http://programs.ssrc.org/dpdf/facultyapp/>.

### **Research, Education and Outreach Grants for Organic Farming**

The Organic Farming Research Foundation grants program particularly encourages producers, researchers, and extension personnel to consider applying for funding. The deadlines and notification dates for the next two granting cycles are July 15, 2008, and November 17, 2008. For more details please visit: [http://ofrf.org/grants/apply\\_education&outreach.html](http://ofrf.org/grants/apply_education&outreach.html).

## **Publications and Papers**

### **Amber Waves**

Amber Waves presents the broad scope of ERS's research and analysis. Available on the internet and in print, Amber Waves is issued in print five times a year. For more details visit: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/AmberWaves/June08/>.

### **DatelinERS Newsletter**

The DatelinERS newsletter offers concise summaries of ERS reports and events with links to areas within our website. To view the newsletter visit: [www.ers.usda.gov/News/](http://www.ers.usda.gov/News/).

### **State of the Nation's Ecosystems**

The Heinz Center recently released the "State of the Nation's Ecosystems" report. In conjunction with the report, they also released a "roadmap" for lawmakers. For more details please visit: [http://www.heinzcenter.org/Press\\_Releases/SOTNE\\_2008.shtml](http://www.heinzcenter.org/Press_Releases/SOTNE_2008.shtml).

### **The Effects of Climate Change on Agriculture, Land and Water Resources**

The U.S. Climate Change Science Program released "Synthesis and Assessment Product: The Effects of Climate Change on Agriculture, Land Resources, Water Resources, and Biodiversity in the United States." The CCSP integrates the federal research efforts of 13 agencies on climate and global change. The report is one of the most extensive examinations of climate impacts on U.S. ecosystems. The report is posted at: <http://www.climatescience.gov/Library/sap/sap4-3/default.php>.

### **Future of U.S. Competitiveness**

A new report from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences identifies investment in early-career scientists and encouragement of high-risk, high-reward research as important priorities in preserving U.S. leadership in science and engineering. For details please visit: <http://www.nationalacademies.org/headlines/20080603.html>.

### **Global Development Finance 2008**

The World Bank's annual report on the external financing of developing countries provides monitoring and analysis of development finance, identifying key emerging trends and policy challenges in international financial flows that are likely to affect the growth prospects of developing countries. For more details visit: [http://publications.worldbank.org/ecommerce/catalog/product?item\\_id=8045513](http://publications.worldbank.org/ecommerce/catalog/product?item_id=8045513).

## **Global Monitoring Report 2008**

The report, subtitled “MDGs and the Environment: Agenda for Inclusive and Sustainable Development,” provides an assessment of progress toward the Millennium Development and related policies and actions. For more questions visit: [http://publications.worldbank.org/ecommerce/catalog/product?item\\_id=8045372](http://publications.worldbank.org/ecommerce/catalog/product?item_id=8045372).

## **Workshops and Meetings**

### **Farm Bill Train the Trainer Conference**

The 2008 Farm Bill Education Conference will be held July 8-9 in Kansas City, Missouri. The conference is targeted to Extension specialists and educators to discuss the implementation of the 2008 Farm Bill and deliver resources that can be utilized in educational efforts throughout the farm bill implementation process. For more details or to register please contact Brad Lubben and Pam Holmes at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at [blubben2@unl.edu](mailto:blubben2@unl.edu) and [pholmes1@unl.edu](mailto:pholmes1@unl.edu).

## **Other News**

### **Schafer Announces Clark as NASS Administrator**

On June 27, 2008 Secretary Ed Schafer announced the selection of Cynthia Clark as administrator of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. For details visit: [http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/ s.7\\_0\\_A/7\\_0\\_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2008/06/0171.xml](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/ s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2008/06/0171.xml).

### **Deputy Administrator for Science and Education Resources Development**

Effective July 14, Frank Boteler will serve as interim CSREES deputy administrator for Science and Education Resource Development. SERD includes programs in higher education, liaison to minority serving institutions, and international activities.

### **World Bank Young Professionals Program 2009**

The Bank is accepting on-line applications for the 2009 Young Professionals Program. Application deadline is July 15, 2008. For details visit: <http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTHRJOBS/0,,contentMDK:20519630~menuPK:1477630~pagePK:64262408~piPK:64262191~theSitePK:1058433,00.html>.

### **EDITORIAL COMMENTS**

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