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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 Launched the National Institute of Food and Agriculture

On October 9, 2009 USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack launched the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) at the National Press Club with a speech regarding the role of science and research at USDA. To read excerpts from the Secretary's remarks visit: http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2009/10/0501.xml.

Research and Grant Information

NIFA and NSF Joint Solicitation on Disaster Resilience in Rural Communities

USDA and the National Science Foundation announce funds to support research needed to develop technologies, processes and systems to enhance disaster resilience and sustainability in rural communities. Application deadline is January 20, 2010. For information visit: www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/disasterresilienceforruralcommunities.cfm.

NIFA State and Regional AgrAbility Program

AgrAbility increases the likelihood that individuals with disabilities and their families engaged in production agriculture become more successful. The primary outcome is enhanced quality of life for people with disabilities in agriculture. The program supports cooperative projects in which State Cooperative Extension Services based at either 1862 or 1890 Land-Grant Universities subcontract to private, non-profit disability organizations. Application deadline is December 18, 2009. For details visit: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/agrability.html>.

Getty Conservation Institute Offers Conservation Guest Scholar Program

The Conservation Guest Scholar Program at the Getty Conservation Institute supports new ideas and perspectives in the field of conservation, providing an opportunity for professionals to pursue scholarly research in an interdisciplinary manner across traditional boundaries. Application deadline is November 1, 2009. For details visit: http://www.getty.edu/foundation/funding/residential/conservation_guest_scholars.html.

Nominations Sought for 2010 Julius Shiskin Award

Nominations are invited for the annual Julius Shiskin Memorial Award for Economic Statistics. The Award is given in recognition of unusually original and important contributions in the development of economic statistics or in the use of statistics in interpreting the economy. Contributions are recognized for statistical research, development of statistical tools, application of information technology techniques, use of economic statistical programs, management of statistical programs, or developing public understanding of measurement issues. Information is available on the ASA Website at www.amstat.org/sections/bus_econ/shiskin.html. Application deadline is March 5, 2010. For questions contact Steven Paben, Julius Shiskin Award Committee Secretary, via e-mail at paben.steven@bls.gov or call 202-691-6147.

US Meat Export Federation Request for Proposals

The US Meat Export Federation Request for Proposals regarding potential country specific import requirements for animal / product traceability and the impact on U.S. red meat exports. The RFP should address the following: (A) What would the U.S. export verification programs look like for each market, based on assumed changes in x country's requirements for both domestic and imported meat? (B) What options are available for U.S. producers/processors to meet the new requirements? (C) What would be the costs associated with meeting the new requirements and identify the least cost scenario if applicable. (D) Would the other major suppliers to the market face the same challenges as the U.S. or would the competition benefit from certain advantages? (E) How would the costs associated with meeting additional requirements affect both U.S. exports and the U.S. market? The funding period is from January 1, 2010-December 31, 2010. Funding for these research projects will be through the USDA/FAS Market Access Program. Recipients will be required to follow the USDA regulations for MAP funding. Visit: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/mos/programs/map.asp> for regulations.

NIFA Higher Education Challenge (HEC) Grants Program

USDA announced funding for the Higher Education Challenge Grants Program. Application deadline is February 5, 2010. For details visit: http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/higher_education_challenge.html.

NIFA Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program

This competitive grants program is intended to promote and strengthen the ability of Hispanic-Serving Institutions to carry out higher education programs in the food and agricultural sciences. Application deadline is February 16, 2010. For more details please visit: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/hispanic.html>.

Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information; Fulbright-Hays Faculty

The Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program provides opportunities to faculty of institutions of higher education to engage in research abroad. Application deadline is December 1, 2009. For more details please visit: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-23898.pdf>.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows program is designed to provide the nation's most comprehensive experience at the nexus of health science, policy, and politics in Washington, D.C. The application deadline is November 13, 2009. For more details visit: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20904>.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research

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 within the disciplines of economics, political science, and sociology. Application deadline is October 21, 2009. For more details visit: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20841>.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Pew Charitable Trusts Health Impact

A collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Pew Charitable Trust, the Health Impact Project is intended to encourage the use of Health Impact Assessment to help decision-makers better assess proposed policies, projects, and programs with respect to their impact on health so that they may avoid adverse health consequences and costs and improve health. For more details please visit: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20921>.

NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award

The purpose of the Academic Research Enhancement Award program is to stimulate research in educational institutions that have not been major recipients of NIH support. 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. Application deadline is January 7, 2010. For more details visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-042.html>.

Value-Added Producer Grant Program

The primary objective of this grant program is to help eligible independent producers of agricultural commodities, agricultural producer groups, farmer and rancher cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures develop strategies to create marketing opportunities and to help develop business plans for viable marketing opportunities. Application deadline is November 30, 2009. For details visit: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm>.

Department of Defense Multi-Disciplinary Research Program of the University

The MURI program supports basic science and/or engineering research at U.S. institutions of higher education. The program is focused on multidisciplinary research efforts that intersect more than one traditional science and engineering discipline to address issues of critical concern to the DoD. Application deadline is March 2, 2010. For more details visit: <http://www.onr.navy.mil/02/baa/>.

Publications and Papers

AAEA Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy Journal

The Review of Agricultural Economics will be re-launched in 2010 under a new title: Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy (AEPP). It will inform future economic research by presenting high quality consumer, agricultural, and natural resource economics in an accessible style and with a policy relevant approach. Papers published in AEPP will fall into two categories: Submitted Articles and Featured Articles. For more information, including instructions on how to submit an article, visit: http://www.oxfordjournals.org/our_journals/aeppl/.

Rural America at a Glance, 2009 Edition

Update of an annual series, the 2009 edition of Rural America At A Glance deals with effects of the major recession on rural America. For more details visit: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/EIB59/>.

DatelinERS Newsletter

The DatelinERS newsletter offers concise summaries of ERS reports and events with links to areas within our website. For details visit: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/News/DatelinERSNewsletter.htm>.

ERS Information on Global Climate Change

This briefing room highlights the ERS climate change research program, which builds on extensive expertise on the economics of land use, land management, technology adoption, conservation program design, and biofuels production and distribution. ERS research is underway to estimate the likely responses of farmers to possible climate policies and to assess the likely impacts of policies on agricultural markets, farm incomes, land and water use, and the carbon balance. Landowner responses to carbon policies are a key factor in establishing the costs of greenhouse gas offsets from agriculture. View the briefing room at: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/GlobalClimate/>.

Workshops and Meetings

Speakers for 2010 USDA Ag Outlook Forum Announced

On October 20 Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the speakers at the 2010 Agricultural Outlook Forum will include the Co-President of Whole Foods, the recently retired CEO of Sysco Corporation and the CEO of Bon Appétit Management Company. Vilsack will keynote the forum titled "Sustainable Agriculture: The Key to Health & Prosperity." Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan will open the annual forum on Feb. 18, 2010, at 8 a.m. For details view the press release <http://www.usda.gov/oce/>.

Upcoming Grantsmanship Workshops Presented by USDA/NIFA

At NIFA's grantsmanship workshops, agency staff provide overviews of its competitive grants, including program goals and priorities; the grant evaluation process; and past funding statistics. Researchers, educators, extension specialists, and administrators are

encouraged to attend. Two workshop types are offered each year and hosted by different universities. The upcoming workshops are: November 10-11, 2009, Kansas City, MO and November 16-17, 2009, Arlington, VA. For details visit: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/business/training/cpworkshops.html>.

FY 2010 Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Conference

The annual Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Conference identifies emerging research issues related to domestic food assistance and nutrition programs administered by USDA. Recently completed research will also be discussed. This year's conference—Emerging Issues and Recent Findings—will be held on December 10, 2009. Information on registration and a preliminary agenda is available at:

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/ConferenceCenter/FANRP/FANRPDec2009/>.

Other News

Senior Adviser, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

The Sustainable Development Network is seeking a leader who will provide strategic coherence and enhance the operational impact of the Bank's renewable energy and energy efficiency activities, and uphold the institution's role global dialogue on moving energy development to a more sustainable and cleaner pathway. For details visit:

<http://extjobs.worldbank.org/external/default/main?pagePK=64273552&piPK=64273556&theSitePK=1058433&JobNo=091759&order=descending&sortBy=job-req-num&location=ALL&menuPK=64262364>.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

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