

EPA Update for the C-FARE Fall 2007 Board Meeting Report for the National Center for Environmental Economics (NCEE)

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NCEE may undertake involvement in the Star Grant Program (replacing the Office of Research and Development(ORD)), ORD may involve post doctoral economists in ecosystem research, NCEE may make another solicitation for workshops or research, and NCEE will likely host seminars regarding climate change options, including biofuels work.

The Star Grant Program and some staff will move to NCEE, according to legislation under consideration. Meanwhile, EPA solicitations are on hold because of the Continuing Resolution. If the Star Grant move occurs, there may be off-setting budget changes so it is not clear that NCEE's budget will increase.

ORD is planning to hire post docs to work on valuing ecosystem services.

NCEE's next solicitation will likely be similar to the last two, which requested proposals to support environmental economics workshops and research.

NCEE is making climate change analysis a priority to support our in-house work on climate related rules, as well as climate related policy issues. The focus includes biofuels and the international effects of biofuel policies. We hope to support seminars regarding these topics.



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