

USDA - Biomass Information and Expansion

The U.S. Department of Agriculture requests proposals for the Wood Education and Resource Center Competitive Grants Program. This program supports projects that facilitate interaction with the forest products industry and that will enhance opportunities for sustained forest products production in the eastern hardwood forest region which includes 35 states. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to: 1) Projects that increase the sustainable use of woody biomass to meet our nation's energy and raw materials needs, and 2) Project that address the economic, social, and ecological aspects of woody biomass production and use. \$1 million expected to be available, up to 20 awards anticipated. Responses due 2/4/08.

For more info, including a list of eligible states, contact Edward Cesa at ecesa@fs.fed.us or go to: <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/werc/grants.shtm>. Refer to Sol# USDA-FS-WERC-2008. (Grants.gov 12/4/07)

USDA - Agriculture and Energy

The U.S. Department of Agriculture requests proposals for the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP). This program supports applied research projects that address barriers, challenges, and opportunities in the marketing, transportation, and distribution of U.S. food and agricultural products. FSMIP has funded projects dealing with bioenergy, compost, and products made from agricultural residues. \$1.3 million expected to be available, 25 to 30 awards anticipated. Responses due 2/11/08.

For more info, contact Janise Zygmunt at janise.zygmunt@usda.gov or go to: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=40159>. Refer to Sol# USDA-AMS-FSMIP-2008. (Grants.gov 12/6/07)

USDA - Tribal Colleges – AG Alternative Energy and Sustainability

The U.S. Department of Agriculture requests proposals from 1994 Land-Grant Institutions for the Tribal Colleges Research Grants Program. Eligible institutions may propose projects in any discipline of the food and agricultural sciences. Examples include, but are not limited to: Research on alternative energy sources, biotechnology, sustainable agriculture, sustainable forestry and waste management. \$1 million expected to be available, individual awards NTE \$150K.

For more info, contact Salei'a Afele-Fa'amuli at sfaamuli@csrees.usda.gov or go to: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/tribal_research.html. Refer to Sol# USDA-CSREES-TCRGP-001174. (Grants.gov 11/26/07)

USDA - Tribal Colleges – AG Efficiency and Bioenergy

The U.S. Department of Agriculture requests capacity building proposals from 1994 Land-Grant Institutions for the Tribal Colleges Extension Program. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to: Projects that increase knowledge of bioenergy and biomass conversion, assist farmers and ranchers to increase efficiency of agricultural production systems, and/or improve management of forest and rangelands, including land, air and water. \$945K expected to be available, no max or minimum funding specified.

For more info, contact Joan Gill at serdegrants@csrees.usda.gov or go to: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/tribal_extension.html. Refer to Sol# USDA-CSREES-SLBCD-001172. (Grants.gov 11/21/07)