

Grants Notice
“Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program-National Integrated Water Quality Program”

Closing date for applications: April 11, 2006

Funding opportunity number: USDA-GRANTS-020306-003

Award ceiling: \$600,000

Award floor: \$0

Cost sharing or matching requirement: Yes. If a grant provides a particular benefit to a specific agricultural commodity, the grant recipient is required to provide funds awarded on a dollar-for-dollar basis from non-Federal sources with cash and/or in-kind contributions. See waiver requirements on original.

Agency: US Dept of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Unified Export Strategy

Category: Regional Development, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Environment

Eligible Applicants: Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)

Description

CSREES requests applications for the Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program - National Integrated Water Quality Program (NIWQP) for fiscal year (FY) 2006 to develop research, education, and extension projects aimed at improving the quality of water resources in agricultural watersheds across the Nation. In FY 2006, CSREES anticipates that approximately \$10,185,890 will be available for support of the program areas outlined in this Request for Applications. The goal of the NIWQP is to contribute to the improvement of the quality of our Nation's surface water and groundwater resources through research, education, and extension activities. Projects funded through this program will facilitate achieving this goal by advancing and disseminating the knowledge base available to agricultural and rural communities. Funded projects should lead to science-based decision-making and management practices that improve the quality of the Nation's surface water and groundwater resources in agricultural and rural watersheds.

NIWQP applications are being solicited in the following program areas:

1. National Facilitation Projects,
2. Regional Water Quality Coordination Projects, and
3. Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Projects.

The \$600,000 award ceiling is for one program area, Regional Water Quality Coordination Projects, for projects involving one region. See the Request for Applications for award ceilings for the other program areas.

Projects **MUST** address water quality issues in **agricultural, rural, and urbanizing watersheds**. Eight topical themes have been identified for the NIWQP:

1. Animal Waste Management;
2. Drinking Water and Human Health;
3. Environmental Restoration;
4. Nutrient and Pesticide Management;
5. Pollution Assessment and Prevention;
6. Watershed Management;
7. Water Conservation and Agricultural Water Management; and
8. Water Policy and Economics.

Preference will be given to projects that:

(a) Demonstrate a substantial potential to enhance

- The long term knowledge base;
- Existing opportunities for leveraging; and
- Active public and private sector participation.

(b) Take advantage of the participatory research, education, and extension opportunities engendered by watershed restoration and continued watershed management; and/or

(c) Focus on watersheds where the project will better inform policy makers in developing the most equitable multi-state and/or regional strategies for water quality improvement.

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Application attached (e-mail)

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