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TO: Extension Directors and Administrators

FROM: Colien Hefferan  
Administrator 

SUBJECT: Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) Funds Distribution for FY  
2008

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) allocation to states for fiscal year (FY) 2008 is attached. These funds are allocated under the Renewable Resources Extension Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-306, 92 Stat. 349, 16 U.S.C. 1671 et seq.).

As stated in my April 9, 2008 memorandum, "Update on CSREES Formula Policies and Procedures," CSREES will be transitioning to Grants.gov in FY 2008 for the submission of all administrative requirements via the SF-424 Mandatory Application Forms. CSREES will be soliciting for these applications via Formula Grant Opportunities (FGOs) which will provide instructions for the completion and submission of these forms. CSREES will notify eligible institutions when the instructions and forms are available on the Grants.gov site. Therefore, there are no reporting requirements at this time. Please note that this process will not change any current reporting processes such as the Current Research Information System. The FGO for this program will be released per my April 9, 2008 memorandum.

Working in concert with the ECOP Natural Resources and Forestry Task Force, CSREES will continue to use the FY 2005-FY 2009 RREA Strategic Plan ([http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/in\\_focus/forests\\_if/rrea.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/in_focus/forests_if/rrea.html)) as the framework for designating the issues to be address with RREA funds. Thus, I again ask that you continue to focus your institution's RREA funds on one or more of the strategic issues that are identified in the plan:

- Diverse Audiences
- Economic Opportunities for Individuals and Communities
- Forest Stewardship and Health
- Invasive Species
- Land Conversion, Fragmentation, and Parcelization
- Public Policy
- Rangeland Stewardship and Health
- Wildlife and Fisheries Resources

Within these broad topics are important issues of the day that the Cooperative Extension System should strongly consider for RREA programming. These include: sustainability, climate change, forest- and rangeland-based biofuels, and ecosystem services.

In FY 2007, CSREES implemented a more transparent and competitive process for awarding the RREA National Focus Funds. This will continue in FY 2008 and a Request for Applications (RFA) will be released soon. These funds provide for the development of innovative programs that can be replicated and delivered across states, regions, and on a national scale.

Please align your RREA-supported programs with the strategic issues. I call you attention, once again, to the issue of serving diverse audiences and ask that you ensure your programs reach the diversity of under-served audiences that would benefit from your programs.

The criticality of ensuring that Federal funds are spent as required with the RREA legislation and that results are achieved necessitates that we increase the emphasis on program accountability. A key to program accountability is ensuring that RREA funds are spend in a manner that directly results in extension education program impacts.

CSREES has released first and second quarter FY 2008 funds to all institutions that have an approved 3-year plan of work. Third and fourth quarter funding will be release upon the receipt of an acceptable FY 2007 annual report. The RREA Program Mangers will continue to work closely with your RREA Principle Investigators to ensure that funding is not delayed and to assist institutions as needed in ensuring that their report describes the program impacts that you achieve.

We will continue to e-mail you important information regarding all of the formula grants you receive. This information is released at our "Formula Grants News Updates" web page:

[http://www.csrees.usda.gov/business/awards/formula/ff\\_updates.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/business/awards/formula/ff_updates.html)

If you have any questions about the RREA program, please contact Eric Norland, National Program Leader (forest resource RREA programs), (202) 401-5971, email: [enorland@csrees.usda.gov](mailto:enorland@csrees.usda.gov) or Jim Dobrowolski, National Program Leader (rangeland resource RREA programs), (202) 401-5016, email: [jdobrowolski@csrees.usda.gov](mailto:jdobrowolski@csrees.usda.gov). If you have any fiscal questions, please contact Barry S. Sims, Staff Accountant, Funds Management, at (202) 205-0453 or via email at [formulagrantsquestions@csrees.usda.gov](mailto:formulagrantsquestions@csrees.usda.gov).

Attachment

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**Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service  
Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA)  
FY 2008 Allocation  
(Grant #2008-46000)**

<u>State</u>	<u>Institutions</u>	<u>FY 2008 Allocation</u>
AL	Auburn University	\$96,828
AL	Alabama A & M University	11,000
AL	Tuskegee University	-
AK	University of Alaska - Fairbanks	83,109
AZ	University of Arizona	72,438
AR	University of Arkansas	84,633
AR	University Of Arkansas - Pine Bluff	11,000
CA	University of California	99,877
CO	Colorado State University	61,768
CT	University of Connecticut	46,525
DE	University of Delaware	46,525
DE	Delaware State University	11,000
DC	University of the District of Columbia	11,000
FL	University of Florida	86,158
FL	Florida A & M University	11,000
GA	University of Georgia	98,352
GA	Fort Valley State University	11,000
GU	University of Guam	-
HI	University of Hawaii	46,525
ID	University of Idaho	54,146
IL	University of Illinois	55,670
IN	Purdue University	52,622
IA	Iowa State University	46,525
KS	Kansas State University	46,525
KY	University of Kentucky	69,390
KY	Kentucky State University	11,000
LA	Louisiana State University	81,585
LA	Southern University	11,000
ME	University of Maine	66,341
MD	University of Maryland - College Park	46,524
MD	University of Maryland - Eastern Shore	11,000
MA	University of Massachussets	46,524
MI	Michigan State University	80,060
MN	University of Minnesota	60,244
MS	Mississippi State University	93,779
MS	Alcorn State University	11,000
MO	University of Missouri	70,914
MO	Lincoln University	11,000
MT	Montana State University	63,292
NE	University of Nebraska	46,524
NV	University of Nevada	48,049
NH	University of New Hampshire	46,524
NJ	Rutgers University	46,524
NM	New Mexico State University	67,865
NY	Cornell University	92,255
NC	North Carolina State University	95,304
NC	North Carolina A & T State University	11,000
ND	North Dakota State University	46,524

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OH	The Ohio State University	64,817
OK	Oklahoma State University	57,195
OK	Langston University	11,000
OR	Oregon State University	90,731
PA	Pennsylvania State University	87,682
PR	University of Puerto Rico	-
RI	University of Rhode Island	46,524
SC	Clemson University	73,963
SC	South Carolina State University	11,000
SD	South Dakota State University	46,524
TN	University of Tennessee	75,487
TN	Tennessee State University	11,000
TX	Texas A & M University	101,401
TX	Prairie View A & M University	11,000
UT	Utah State University	49,573
VT	University of Vermont	46,524
VI	University of the Virgin Islands	11,000
VA	Virginia Tech	89,206
VA	Virginia State University	11,000
WA	Washington State University	78,536
WV	West Virginia University	58,719
WV	West Virginia State University	11,000
WI	University of Wisconsin	77,011
WY	University of Wyoming	51,097
	<b>Total Payments to States</b>	<u>\$3,550,438</u>
	<b>Federal Administration</b>	160,310
	<b>National Focus Projects</b>	297,000
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<u><u>\$4,007,748</u></u>