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TO: Extension Directors and Administrators

FROM: Colien Hefferan   
Administrator

SUBJECT: Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) Funds Distribution for FY 2006

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) allocation to States for fiscal year (FY) 2006 is attached. The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) FY 2006 appropriation for this program is \$4,019,400; this is a decrease of \$40,856 or 1 percent. This decrease has been applied to all recipients and to the National Focus Funds projects.

Working in concert with the ECOP Forestry Task Force, CSREES will continue to use its FY 2005 - FY 2009 RREA Strategic Plan ([http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/nre/in\\_focus/forests\\_if\\_rra.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/nre/in_focus/forests_if_rra.html)) as the framework for designating the issues to be addressed with RREA funds. Thus, I again ask that you now 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

You will note on the attached budget form that the program categories parallel the issues in the RREA Strategic Plan. Please align your RREA-supported programs with the strategic issues. I call your attention 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 intended 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 spent in a manner that directly results in extension education programs. The RREA Program Manager is continuing to work closely with extension forest and rangeland program leaders and evaluation specialists to identify processes that will provide more substantive and robust program impact reports that meet the needs of CSREES to demonstrate program effectiveness. Our plans to incorporate RREA planning and accomplishment reporting into the expanded Current Research Information System (CRIS) will be fully implemented in FY 2007. At that point, RREA funds distribution will be dependent on the submission of all required program and budget reports.

A Planning & Reporting page has been established on our website to assist you in locating the requirements, due dates, and submission information for RREA Program Formula funds and all other Formula funds. The research and extension formulas are organized in groups for the three land-grant types: 1862 land-grant institutions, 1862 land-grant institutions in the U.S. territories, and 1890 land-grant institutions. Since funding continues to be contingent upon meeting planning and reporting requirements, you may want to have your administrative staff bookmark the following web link for easy access to fillable forms and due dates for all formula funds:

[http://www.csrees.usda.gov/business/reporting/pdf/rrea\\_budget.pdf](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/business/reporting/pdf/rrea_budget.pdf)

Additionally, we will continue to email you regarding important information regarding all of the formula funds you receive. This information is released in "Formula Funds Bulletins," which are maintained at our "Formula Funds News Updates" web pages:

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

You may submit the required forms listed on the Formula Funds Reporting Pages for each respective Formula type attached before April 21, 2006, via fax, email in .pdf format, or mail to:

**Regular Mail**

Policy, Oversight and Funds Management  
Office of Extramural Programs  
CSREES-USDA  
STOP 2298  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250-2298

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Office of Extramural Programs  
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If you have any questions about the RREA program, please contact Eric Norland, National Program Leader, Natural Resources and Environment Unit at (202) 401-5971 or via e-mail at [enorland@csrees.usda.gov](mailto:enorland@csrees.usda.gov). If you have any fiscal questions, please contact Arnita Cross, Staff Accountant, Funds Management, at (202) 401-8982 or via email at [across@csrees.usda.gov](mailto:across@csrees.usda.gov).

Attachments

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service  
Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA)  
FY 2006 Allocation

3/14/2006

<u>State</u>	<u>Institutions</u>	<u>FY 2006 Allocation</u>
AL	Auburn University	\$97,833
AL	Alabama A & M University	11,137
AL	Tuskegee University	11,137
AK	University of Alaska - Fairbanks	83,729
AZ	University of Arizona	72,758
AR	University of Arkansas	85,296
AR	University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff	11,137
CA	University of California	100,967
CO	Colorado State University	61,788
CT	University of Connecticut	46,117
DE	University of Delaware	46,117
DE	Delaware State University	11,137
DC	University of the District of Columbia	11,137
FL	University of Florida	86,863
FL	Florida A & M University	11,137
GA	University of Georgia	99,400
GA	Fort Valley State University	11,137
GU	University of Guam	11,137
HI	University of Hawaii	46,117
ID	University of Idaho	53,952
IL	University of Illinois	55,520
IN	Purdue University	52,385
IA	Iowa State University	46,117
KS	Kansas State University	46,117
KY	University of Kentucky	69,624
KY	Kentucky State University	11,137
LA	Louisiana State University	82,161
LA	Southern University	11,137
ME	University of Maine	66,490
MD	University of Maryland - College Park	46,117
MD	University of Maryland - Eastern Shore	11,137
MA	University of Massachusetts	46,117
MI	Michigan State University	80,594
MN	University of Minnesota	60,221
MS	Mississippi State University	94,699
MS	Alcorn State University	11,137
MO	University of Missouri	71,191
MO	Lincoln University	11,137
MT	Montana State University	63,355
NE	University of Nebraska	46,117
NV	University of Nevada	47,884
NH	University of New Hampshire	46,117
NJ	Rutgers University	46,117
NM	New Mexico State University	68,057
NY	Cornell University	93,131
NC	North Carolina State University	96,266
NC	North Carolina A & T State University	11,137
ND	North Dakota State University	46,117
OH	The Ohio State University	64,923
OK	Oklahoma State University	57,087
OK	Langston University	11,137
OR	Oregon State University	91,564
PA	Pennsylvania State University	88,430
PR	University of Puerto Rico	11,137
RI	University of Rhode Island	46,117
SC	Clemson University	74,326
SC	South Carolina State University	11,137
SD	South Dakota State University	46,117
TN	University of Tennessee	75,893
TN	Tennessee State University	11,137
TX	Texas A & M University	102,534
TX	Prairie View A & M University	11,137
UT	Utah State University	49,251
VT	University of Vermont	46,117
VI	University of the Virgin Islands	11,137
VA	Virginia Tech	89,997
VA	Virginia State University	11,137
WA	Washington State University	79,027
WV	West Virginia University	58,654
WV	West Virginia State University	11,137
WI	University of Wisconsin	77,460
WY	University of Wyoming	50,818
	<b>Total Payments to States</b>	<b>\$3,594,580</b>
	<b>Federal Administration</b>	<b>160,776</b>
	<b>National Focus Projects</b>	<b>264,044</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$4,019,400</b>