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TO: Extension Directors and Administrators

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SUBJECT: Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) Funds Distribution for FY 2007

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) allocation to States for fiscal year (FY) 2007 is attached. The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) FY 2007 appropriation for this program is \$4,019,400.

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_rea.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.

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

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

You may submit the required forms listed on the Formula Funds Reporting Pages for each respective Formula type attached before April 21, 2007, 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

Overnight Express

Policy, Oversight and Funds Mgmt. Branch
Office of Extramural Programs
CSREES-USDA
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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. If you have any fiscal questions, please contact Armita Cross, Staff Accountant, Funds Management, at (202) 401-8982 or via email at across@csrees.usda.gov.

Attachments

**Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service
Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA)
FY 2007 Allocation**

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<u>State</u>	<u>Institutions</u>	<u>FY 2007 Allocation</u>
AL	Auburn University	\$97,214
AL	Alabama A & M University	11,137
AL	Tuskegee University	11,137
AK	University of Alaska - Fairbanks	83,393
AZ	University of Arizona	72,643
AR	University of Arkansas	84,928
AR	University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff	11,137
CA	University of California	100,284
CO	Colorado State University	61,893
CT	University of Connecticut	46,536
DE	University of Delaware	46,536
DE	Delaware State University	11,137
DC	University of the District of Columbia	11,137
FL	University of Florida	86,464
FL	Florida A & M University	11,137
GA	University of Georgia	98,749
GA	Fort Valley State University	11,137
GU	University of Guam	11,137
HI	University of Hawaii	46,536
ID	University of Idaho	54,214
IL	University of Illinois	55,750
IN	Purdue University	52,679
IA	Iowa State University	46,536
KS	Kansas State University	46,536
KY	University of Kentucky	69,571
KY	Kentucky State University	11,137
LA	Louisiana State University	81,857
LA	Southern University	11,137
ME	University of Maine	66,500
MD	University of Maryland - College Park	46,536
MD	University of Maryland - Eastern Shore	11,137
MA	University of Massachusetts	46,536
MI	Michigan State University	80,321
MN	University of Minnesota	60,357
MS	Mississippi State University	94,143
MS	Alcorn State University	11,137
MO	University of Missouri	71,107
MO	Lincoln University	11,137
MT	Montana State University	63,428
NE	University of Nebraska	46,536
NV	University of Nevada	48,071
NH	University of New Hampshire	46,536
NJ	Rutgers University	46,536
NM	New Mexico State University	68,036
NY	Cornell University	92,607
NC	North Carolina State University	95,678
NC	North Carolina A & T State University	11,137
ND	North Dakota State University	46,536
OH	The Ohio State University	64,964
OK	Oklahoma State University	57,288
OK	Langston University	11,137
OR	Oregon State University	91,071
PA	Pennsylvania State University	88,000
PR	University of Puerto Rico	11,137
RI	University of Rhode Island	46,536
SC	Clemson University	74,178
SC	South Carolina State University	11,137
SD	South Dakota State University	46,536
TN	University of Tennessee	75,714
TN	Tennessee State University	11,137
TX	Texas A & M University	101,820
TX	Prairie View A & M University	11,137
UT	Utah State University	49,607
VT	University of Vermont	46,536
VI	University of the Virgin Islands	11,137
VA	Virginia Tech	89,535
VA	Virginia State University	11,137
WA	Washington State University	78,786
WV	West Virginia University	58,821
WV	West Virginia State University	11,137
WI	University of Wisconsin	77,250
WY	University of Wyoming	51,143
	Total Payments to States	\$3,594,580
	Federal Administration	160,776
	National Focus Projects	264,044
	Grand Total	\$4,019,400