

USDA Extends Application Deadline for Cooperative Agreements To Fund National Animal Identification System Outreach and Education Efforts

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today extended the application deadline to Jan. 31, 2008, for cooperative agreements that would fund outreach and education on the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) among small and economically disadvantaged producers.

When finalized, the cooperative agreements could distribute \$1.8 million, as available, for cooperative agreements through 1890 historically black colleges and universities, Hispanic serving institutions, 1994 tribal land-grant colleges and universities as well as tribal organizations working in partnership with community based organizations.

The request for proposals (RFP) can be found at www.grants.gov. The RFP provides more detail about the cooperative agreements, including the process for developing and submitting proposals and the amount

of funding available. USDA encourages all interested organizations to submit proposals for consideration before Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008. Additional information about the NAIS program, along with a link to the RFP, is available at www.usda.gov/nais.

Note to Stakeholders: Stakeholder announcements and other APHIS information are available on the Internet. Go to the APHIS home page at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov> and click on the "Newsroom" button. For additional information on this topic, contact Joelle Schelhaus at (301) 734-0595 or visit the NAIS Web site at www.usda.gov/nais.

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