

May 15th, 2008

RE: WMA BASE FUNDING, Upcoming Cycle

California Weed Management Area Groups:

The WMA Advisory Committee met in March to decide how the 2008 Cycle of WMA funds would be distributed statewide. There will be TWO types of funding: (1) BASE FUNDING and (2) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING.

- ✓ **BASE FUNDING:** Each county partner in an active Weed Management Area group will receive \$16,758.00 of BASE FUNDING. This funding is not competitive, but rather considered a base-level of funding.
 - ✓ **SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING:** A separate announcement will be released SOON detailing an opportunity for WMA groups to apply for more funding through a competitive SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING request for proposals program. ALL WMA groups are encouraged to submit supplemental funding proposals, but NOT required to do so.
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CALL FOR BASE-FUNDING WORK PLANS and BUDGETS:

At this time the California Department of Food and Agriculture is soliciting WORK PLANS and BUDETS from each county partner* in an active WMA. Please see attached for an: (1) Example 1 Work Plan, (2) Example 2 Work Plan, and (3) Example Excel Budget.

Contracts will be for one calendar year, starting January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009. Remember, budgets span across two fiscal years: FY08/09 (January 1-June 30, 2009) and FY09/10 (July 1-December 31, 2009). Please see attached examples.

DUE DATE: electronic submission only to cpirosko@cdfa.ca.gov , by 5 p.m. July 15th, 2008. Within 24 hours an email will be sent acknowledging receipt of your work plan and budget.

Please see attached for ALL of the DETAILS:

1. WMA Base Funding Announcement
 2. Base Funding Work Plan Example 1
 3. Base Funding Work Plan Example 2
 3. Base Funding Excel Budget Example
 4. Annual Report Format
 5. Invoicing Format and Guidelines (two separate documents)
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Special Note: Multi-County WMAs or Representation in more than one WMA group

For clarification, if your WMA has three county partners, we would like a separate work plan and budget from each of the three county partners*, each for no more than \$16,758.00. Further, if your county* is a member of more than one WMA due to geographical boundaries, please submit one work plan and proposal for no more than \$16,758.00--- in your one work plan and budget you can include projects from both WMA boundaries.

*CDFA can contract with the following Lead Groups: County Ag Offices, RCDs, or a State Agency.

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