

May 15th, 2008

RE: WMA SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROGRAM, Competitive RFP

California Weed Management Area Groups:

As was recently announced, 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 (\$16,758 per County Partner in a WMA) and (2) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING.

This announcement is concerning the SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING Program. A total of \$243,000 is available. ALL WMA groups are encouraged to submit supplemental funding proposals, but NOT required to do so. Unlike the Base Funding Program, these proposals will be competitive. All supplemental proposals will be reviewed and ranked by the WMA Oversight Committee. Since the total pot of money available for the supplemental funding program is limited, only ONE project proposal (up to 5 projects, 3 recommended) for a maximum award of \$50,000 PER WMA will be accepted. A minimum 50:50 Cost-Share is required on Supplemental proposals.

Please see attached for ALL of the DETAILS:

1. Supplemental WMA Competitive Program Announcement
2. Official Request for Proposals (RFP)
3. RFP FAQ (facts and questions)
4. Supplemental Proposal Format Example
5. Supplemental Excel Budget Example
6. Annual Report Format
7. Invoicing Format and Guidelines

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

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.

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