

**RISK MANAGEMENT EDUCATION
RURAL INITIATIVE FOR NEW AMERICAN FARMERS – FY 2006**

Area(s)	Project Name	Organization	Contact	Amount	Objective
California	Hmong Risk Management Education	National Hmong American Farmers	Chukou Thao (559) 225-5309	\$49,960	Focus on improving the marketing, record keeping, and financial risk management skills of Hmong producers. Special emphasis is placed on developing a solid, traceable financial history to enhance loan applications.
Hawaii	Hawaii Risk Management Program	Pacific Gateway Center	Tin Myaiung Thein (808) 845-3918	\$50,000	Focus on improving the financial, marketing and food safety skills of producers. Because of Hawaii's large and varied ethnic population special emphasis will be placed on producing crops in local demand.
Massachusetts	Tierra de Oportunidades Project	Nuestras Raices, Inc. (Our Roots)	Eric Toensmeier (413) 535-1789	\$49,999	Provide new Latino producers training on market access, branding, direct marketing record keeping season extension, lease agreements and financing.
Texas	Amarillo Risk Management Training Program	Refugee Services of Texas, Inc.	Alan High (214) 821-4883	\$50,000	Refugees from Somalia, Sudan and Burma will learn about crop selection, hydroponics growing systems, and manage a one-acre farm that will yield food, income and experience for producers.
Alaska	New American Farmers in Alaska	Catholic Social Services	Dr. Karen Ferguson (907) 222-7376	\$50,000	Provide risk management education and mentoring to producers from the former Soviet Union and others with an emphasis on marketing their produce at farmers markets.
Massachusetts	Refugee Work to Farm Project	Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants	Larry Dixon (617) 727-7888 ext. 330	\$49,995.10	Using established mentors and others, provide African and former Soviet Union refugees experience and training on farm skills, chemical protection, risk management concepts and planning.