

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service Washington, DC 20250-2200

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TO:

Extension Directors and Administrators .

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) Funds Distribution for FY 2005

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) allocation to States for fiscal year (FY) 2005 is attached. The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) FY 2005 appropriation for this program is \$4,060,256; this is an increase of \$20,234 or 0.5%. This small increase will be allocated to the National Focus Fund Project program for which the ECOP Forestry Task Force provides project recommendations.

In May 2004, the ECOP Forestry Task Force released the FY 2005 - FY 2009 RREA Strategic Plan (www.rreaprograms.net) which was jointly developed by the Federal and State partners. Working in concert with the Forestry Task Force, we will use the plan to invest in specific RREA program priorities for the next five years. Thus, I 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 reached 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. Additionally, over the next several months, the RREA Program Manager will be working 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. As part of our commitment to implementing the RREA Strategic Plan, we have allocated some administrative funds to support a three-day workshop this year to determine how the Federal-State partnership can acquire the data called for by the performance indicators in the RREA Strategic Plan. Additionally, beginning in FY 2006, we anticipate that RREA program planning and reporting will be incorporated into the electronic system currently known as the Current Research Information System (CRIS). Together, we can and must do better in reporting the impacts of the federal funds that are provided through the Renewable Resources Extension Act.

Please submit the attached budget form by June 30, 2005 to:

Regular Mail

Funds Management
Office of Extramural Programs
CSREES-USDA
STOP 2298
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250-2298

Overnight Express

Funds Management
Office of Extramural Programs
CSREES-USDA
Waterfront Centre, Room 2235
800 9th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

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 Arnita Cross, Staff Accountant, Funds Management, at (202) 401-8982 or via email at across@csrees.usda.gov.

Attachments

State	Institutions	FY 2005 Allocation
AL	Auburn University	\$98,822
AL	Alabama A & M University	11,250
AL	Tuskegee University	11,250
AK AZ	University of Alaska - Fairbanks University of Arizona	84,575
AR	University of Arkansas	73,494
AR	University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff	86,158 11,250
CA	University of California	101,988
CO	Colorado State University	62,413
CT	University of Connecticut	46,583
DE DE	University of Delaware	46,583
DC	Delaware State University University of the District of Columbia	11,250
FL	University of Florida	11,250 87,741
FL	Florida A & M University	11,250
GA	University of Georgia	100,405
GA	Fort Valley State University	11,250
GU	University of Guarn	11,250
HI ID	University of Hawaii	46,583
IL	University of Idaho University of Illinois	54,498
IN	Purdue University	56,081 52,915
IA	Iowa State University	46,583
KS	Kansas State University	46,583
KY	University of Kentucky	70,328
KY	Kentucky State University	11,250
LA LA	Louisiana State University	82,992
ME	Southern University University of Maine	11,250
MD	University of Maryland - College Park	67,162 46,583
MD	University of Maryland - Eastern Shore	11,250
MA	University of Massachussets	46,583
MI	Michigan State University	81,409
MN	University of Minnesota	60,830
MS MS	Mississippi State University Alcorn State University	95,656
MO	University of Missouri	11,250
MO	Lincoln University	71,911 11,250
MT	Montana State University	63,996
NE	University of Nebraska	46,583
NV	University of Nevada	48,166
NH NJ	University of New Hampshire	46,583
NM	Rutgers University New Mexico State University	46,583
NY	Cornell University	68,745 94,073
NC	North Carolina State University	97,239
NC	North Carolina A & T State University	11,250
ND	North Dakota State University	46,583
OH OK	The Ohio State University	65,579
OK	Oklahoma State University Langston University	57,664
OR	Oregon State University	11,250
PA	Pennsylvania State University	92,490 89,324
PR	University of Puerto Rico	11,250
RI	University of Rhode Island	46,583
SC	Clemson University	75,077
SC SD	South Carolina State University South Dakota State University	11,250
TN	University of Tennessee	46,583
TN	Tennessee State University	76,660 11,250
TX	Texas A & M University	103,564
TX	Prairie View A & M University	11,250
UT	Utah State University	49,749
VT	University of Vermont	46,583
VI VA	University of the Virgin Islands Virginia Tech	11,250
VA	Virginia Tech Virginia State University	90,907 11,250
WA	Washington State University	79,826
WV	West Virginia University	59,247
WV	West Virginia State University	11,250
WI	University of Wisconsin	78,243
WY	University of Wyoming Total Payments to States	51,332
	Federal Administration	\$3,630,921 162,410
	National Focus Projects	266,925
	Grand Total	\$4,060,256

BUDGET STATEMENT FOR RENEWABLE RESOURCES EXTENSION ACT (RREA) PROGRAM P.L. 95-306, RENEWABLE RESOURCES EXTENSION ACT OF 1978

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ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES												1			
FOREST STEWARDSHIP AND HEALTH															
INVASIVE SPECIES															
LAND CONVERSION, FRAGMENTATION, AND PARCELIZATION															
PUBLIC POLICY															
RANGELAND STEWARDSHIP AND HEALTH															
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES															
TOTAL RREA FUNDS						П									
FROM RREA STRATEGIC PLAN FY 2005-2009 TOTAL COLUMNS MUST AGREE		APPROVED: Extension Director / Extension / E	nsion Administrator			Date									

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