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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Amendment of the Notice of the Availability of the Fiscal Year 2001 Solicitation for Applications for the National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program

AGENCY: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of amendment of the notice of the availability of the solicitation for applications for the fiscal year 2001 National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the announcement of the availability of the fiscal year (FY) 2001 solicitation for applications, which is titled the "NRI Program Description," for the National Research Initiative (NRI) Competitive Grants Program published at 65 FR 54989, September 12, 2000.

In accordance with the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2001, which provides less funding for the NRI in FY 2001 than was anticipated at the time the availability of the FY 2001 solicitation for applications was

announced, this amendment revises the estimated amounts of funds available in the following research categories (PREVIOUSLY ANTICIPATED FY 2001 funding (PREV) and CURRENTLY ANTICIPATED FY 2001 (CUR) funding, rounded to the \$0.1M, follows in parentheses):

- Natural Resources and the Environment (PREV:\$19.1M, CUR:\$16.4M)
- Nutrition, Food Quality, and Health (PREV:\$14.9M, CUR:\$16.8M)
- Plant Systems (PREV:\$38.2M, CUR:\$32.4M)
- Animal Systems (PREV:\$27.0M, CUR:\$23.0M)
- Markets, Trade, and Policy (PREV:\$4.3M, CUR:\$3.7M)
- New Products and Processes (PREV:\$7.6M, CUR:\$6.5M)

As a result the following Program Areas will not be funded, and proposals for these Program Areas should not be submitted:

- Ecosystem Science (Program Code 23.0)
- Plant Genome (Program Code 52.1)
- Animal Genome: Basic Reagents and Tools (Program Code 43.1)

Although the Plant Genome program (52.1) will not be offered this fiscal year, the Plant Genetic Mechanisms program (52.2) will expand its research areas of support to now include functional genomics, quantitative trait loci analysis, comparative mapping, and all renewal applications that could have been submitted to the Plant Genome program.

Additionally, proposals that address the President's Food Safety Initiative (www.foodsafety.gov/~fsg/fsiback.html) are encouraged for all the relevant NRI Program Areas.

A fair distribution of resources between research on animal systems

and plants is being sought through increased opportunity for animal-related research in the food safety area, and opportunity in other programs relevant to animal systems such as agricultural systems, markets and trade, food characterization/process/product research, water resources, and pest biology.

DATES: This amendment does not alter the original deadlines for receipt of proposals set forth previously in the Notice of the Availability of the Solicitation for Applications published on September 12, 2000 (65 FR 54989).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: USDA/CSREES/NRI, Stop 2241, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-2241. Phone: (202) 401-5022. E-mail: nricgp@reeusda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

NRI Deadline Dates

The following fixed dates have been established for proposal submission deadlines within the NRI. To be considered for funding in any fiscal year, proposals must be transmitted by the date listed below (as indicated by postmark or date on courier bill of lading). When the deadline date falls on a weekend or Federal holiday, transmission must be made by the following business day.

Programs offered in any fiscal year depend on availability of funds and deadlines may be delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. Consult the pertinent NRI notice in the **Federal Register**, the NRI Program Description, or the NRI home page (www.reeusda.gov/nri) for up-to-date information.

Postmarked dates	Program codes	Program areas
November 15	22.1	Plant Responses to the Environment
	25.0	Soils and Soil Biology
	26.0	Watershed Processes and Water Resources
	31.0	Improving Human Nutrition for Optimal Health
	51.9	Biology of Weedy and Invasive Plants
	80.1	Research Career Enhancement Awards
	80.2	Equipment Grants
	80.3	Seed Grants
	100.0	Agricultural Systems
December 15	52.2	Plant Genome Mechanisms
	53.0	Plant Growth and Development
	61.0	Markets and Trade
	62.0	Rural Development
	71.1	Food Characterization/Process/Product Research

Postmarked dates	Program codes	Program areas
January 15	71.2	Non-Food Characterization/Process/Product Research
	32.0	Food Safety
	32.1	Epidemiological Approaches for Food Safety
	41.0	Animal Reproduction
	44.0	Animal Health and Well-Being
	51.2	Entomology and Nematology
	51.7	Biologically Based Pest Management
	51.8	Biology of Plant-Microbe Associations
	73.0	Improved Utilization of Wood and Wood Fiber
February 15	42.0	Animal Growth and Nutrient Utilization
	43.0	Animal Genome and Genetic Mechanisms
	54.3	Plant Biochemistry

Done at Washington, D.C., this 31st day of October 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of application filing deadline.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces its Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program application window for funding during fiscal year (FY) 2001. For FY 2001, \$25 million in grants and \$300 million in loans will be made available for distance learning and telemedicine projects serving rural America. The funding will be provided in three categories: (1) \$15 million will be available for grants; (2) \$200 million will be available for loans; and (3) \$110 million will be available for combination grants and loans (\$10 million in grants paired with \$100 million in loans).

DATES: All applications for grants must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 2, 2001, to be eligible for FY 2001 grant funding. Applications for FY 2001 loans or combination loans and grants may be submitted at anytime up to September 30, 2001, and will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

ADDRESSES: Applications are to be submitted to the Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 1550, Room 2845, Washington, DC 20250-1550. Applications should be marked "Attention: Director, Advanced Services

Division, Telecommunications Program."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Orren E. Cameron, Director, Advanced Services Division, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, STOP 1550, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1590, Telephone (202) 690-4493, Facsimile (202) 720-1051.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For FY 2001, \$15 million in grants, a combination of \$10 million in grants paired with \$100 million in loans, and \$200 million in loans will be made available for distance learning and telemedicine projects.

RUS encourages early submission of grant applications to determine whether all required items specified in 1703.125 are clearly in form, identifiable, and complete. RUS will examine, provide comment, and return applications that include items that would disqualify them from further consideration for modification if they are submitted by Friday, February 2, 2001. All applications for grants must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 2, 2001, to be eligible for FY 2001 grant funding. Each application will be reviewed for completeness in accordance with 7 CFR part 1703, subparts D, E, F, and G. Ineligible applications will be returned within 15 working days of receipt.

Notice is hereby given that under 7 CFR 1703.124, 1703.133, and 1703.143, RUS has determined the maximum amount of an application for a grant that will be considered for funding in FY 2001 as \$500,000. The maximum amount for a loan, generally, that will be considered for funding in FY 2001 is \$10 million. However, RUS may fund a project greater than \$10 million subject to the project's feasibility and the availability of loan funds.

Applications for financial assistance must be submitted in accordance with 7 CFR part 1703, subparts D, E, F, and G, which establish the policies and

procedures for submitting an application for financial assistance. These subparts and an application guide to assist in the preparation of applications are available on the Internet at the following address: "http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dltpublications.htm". Application guides may also be requested from RUS by contacting one of the following Area Offices: Eastern Area, USDA—RUS, Phone: (202) 690-4673; Northwest Area, USDA—RUS, Phone: (202) 720-1025; Southwest Area, USD—RUS, Phone: (202) 720-0800.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From the Republic of Korea: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 6, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jarrod Goldfeder at (202) 482-0189, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement I, Group I, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230.