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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Washington, DC 20250-2200

TO: Extension Directors and Administrators

FROM: Colien Hefferan
Administrator

MAY 27 2004

SUBJECT: Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) Funds Distribution for FY 2004

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) allocation to States for fiscal year (FY) 2004 is attached The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) FY2004 appropriation is $4,040,022, a decrease $476,429 or 10.5%. As a result all institutions and programs will receive a reduced amount in FY 2004. Specifically, the allocation process resulted in.

- A 10% reduction in the base allocation to the 1862 Land-Grant Institutions.
- A 10% reduction in the allocation to the 1890 Land-Grant Institutions and the 1862 Land-Grant Institutions in the Insular Areas and the District of Columbia.
- A 10% reduction in the National Focus Funds.

Our intent with this allocation process is to: 1) be consistent with the law, 2) apply the 10% reduction as evenly as possible across all institutions, and 3) retain the National Focus Funds which have supported a National Web-Based Learning Center for Private Forest and Rangeland Owners which will soon "go live" on the internet.

The Sustainable Forestry Outreach Initiative (SFOI) continues to be a component of the current Farm Bill legislation that re-authorized RREA. This initiative directs RREA-eligible institutions to educate landowners concerning:

"(1) The value and benefit of practicing sustainable forestry.
(2) The importance of professional forestry advice in achieving sustainable forestry objectives.
(3) The variety of public and private sector resources available to assist landowners in planning for and practicing sustainable forestry."

To comply with the legislative amendment we ask you to incorporate a sustainablity message in your RREA programs.

With the release of the five-year RREA Strategic Plan by the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) Forestry Task Force, I ask that, in lieu of submitting an FY2004 Plan of Work for RREA, that you consider your RREA programs in the context of the strategic issues that were identified by the Cooperative Extension System and how you will utilize the Federal funds to address these issues over the next few years. We intend to use the Strategic Plan to invest in the specified RREA program priorities for the next five years. Working in concert with the Task Force, we will ensure that you and your program leaders receive copies of this plan.

In addition to the priority natural resources issues, there are several ECOP-recommended actions related to program leadership, management, and accountability. In concert with the Administration's emphasis on budget and performance integration and the criticality of scrutinizing Federally funded programs to determine value and impact, we are examining the current accountability process for RREA to determine where additional emphasis is needed. This process will involve the ECOP Forestry Task Force and the Cooperative Extension System as we seek to find program accountability processes that are efficient, cost-effective, and comprehensive In the short term, you will be asked by the RREA Program Manager to provide an Annual Report of Accomplishments for FY2004 and the timing of that will hopefully correspond to the preparation of your other FY2004 reports

The RREA Budget Form for FY 2004 is attached. Please complete and return by July 15, 2004, to:

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Office of Extramural Programs
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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 Amita Cross, Staff Accountant, Funds Management, at (202) 401-8982 or via e-mail at across@csrees.usda.gov.

Attachments

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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service
Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) Ilocation for FY 2004

State	Institutions	FY 2004 Allocation
AL	Auburn University	98,822
AL	Alabama A & M University	11 250
AL	Tuskegee University	11 250
AK	University of Alaska - Fairbanks	84,575
AZ	University of Arizona	73,494
AR	University of Arkansas	86,158
AR	University Of Arkansas - Pine Bluff	11,250
CA	University of California	101 988
CO	Colorado State University	62 413
CT	University of Connecticut	46 583
DE	University of Delaware	46,583
DE	Delaware State University	11 250
DC	University of the District of Columbia	11 250
FL	University of Florida	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 Guam	11,250
HI	University of Hawaii	46,583
ID	University of Idaho	54 498
IL	University of Illinois	56 081
IN	Purdue University	52 915
IA	Iowa State University	46,583
KS	Kansas State University	46,583
KY	University of Kentucky	70,325
KY	Kentucky State University	11,250
LA	Louisiana State University	82,992
LA	Southern University	11,250
ME	University of Maine	67,162
MD	University of Maryland - College Park	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	Mississippi State University	95,655
MS	Alcorn State University	11,250
MO	University of Missouri	71,911
MO	Lincoln University	11,250
MT	Montana State University	63,996
NE	University of Nebraska	46,583
NV	University of Nevada	48,166
NH	University of New Hampshire	46,583
NJ	Rutgers University	46 583
NM	New Mexico State University	68 745
NY	Cornell University	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	The Ohio State University	65,579
OK	Oklahoma State University	57,664
OK	Langston University	11 250
OR	Oregon State University	62 493
PA	Pennsylvania State University	89,324
PR	University of Puerto Rico	11,250
RI	University of Rhode Island	46 583
SC	Clemson University	75,077
SC	South Carolina State University	11,250
SD	South Dakota State University	46,583
TN	University of Tennessee	76,660
TN	Tennessee State University	11,250
TX	Texas A & M University	103,571
TX	Prairie View A & M University	11,250
UT	Utah State University	49,749
VT	University of Vermont	46,583
VI	University of the Virgin Islands	11,250
VA	Virginia Tech	90,907
VA	Virginia State University	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	76,243
WY	University of Wyoming	51,332
	Total Payments to States	3,630,921
	Federal Administration	161 601
	National Focus Projects	247,500
	Grand Total	4,040,022

May 24, 2004