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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.