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Important Grant Application Information

The Western Center for Risk Management Education will announce its *Request for Applications* next week for the *2011 Extension Risk Management Education Grants Program*. Changes to the RFA and the Center's service to applicants are highlighted here to help guide you through the RFA process, as well as a listing of training modules that can assist you with the development of a successful Pre-Proposal application.

RFA and Online Application System Changes:

- While the selection criteria will remain the same, changes have been made to the *Producer Demand Section* and the weighting of each criterion. Check also for changes to word limits.
- *Project Summary* has been renamed *Project Overview*.
- *Elimination Lists* for both the Pre- and Full Proposal have been created.
- *Project Results Narrative*—This is a new section that has been added to the Full Proposal.

Your success as an applicant will depend upon your ability to read and understand the RFA instructions—especially as it applies to the principles of results based grant making.

Applicant Assistance

Center staff are making changes to our approach for helping applicants. The Center will conduct *two webinar training sessions on Tuesday November 9th* that will lead applicants through the essential components of results based grant making, including verification and producer demand (see box insert for additional information). Attendees will be oriented to the online application system and will also be shown how to access and use the proposal resources and other tools for writing a successful application.

Center staff will no longer conduct draft reviews of proposals—however we will be available to discuss project ideas and to field questions arising from the application process.



Webinar Information

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

9:00 am & 1:00 pm PST

Email warnerj@wsu.edu by close of business on Friday, November 4 to register or call 509-477-2168. Webinar sign-in information will be sent to you on November 8.

An additional training will be scheduled if the meeting room exceeds capacity.

Learning Modules for Building a Successful Pre-Proposal

- **How to Register a New Project:** Short tutorial on how to register your new Pre-Proposal.
- **Navigation:** Overview of steps to consider for developing a successful proposal and how to log in to your Pre-Proposal.
- **Proposed Results Overview:** How to log on to your newly registered proposal and how to write proposed results.
- **Proposed Results:** Description of theory and principles of results based grant making and how to construct meaningful producer risk management results.
- **Review Past Projects:** How to conduct a search in the Completed Projects section of the Ag Risk Education Library.

The training modules listed above are available by clicking on the Grant Resources tab (located on the navigation bar of the Western Center's home page: <http://westrme.wsu.edu/grant-resources/>).



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2010 Funded Projects

Congratulations to project leaders as they embark upon their new projects!

Learning to Reduce Risks Adding Targeted Grazing Services to California Sheep Operations <i>Awarded to: California Wool Growers Association</i>	<i>\$18,000</i>
Reducing Production & Marketing Risks on Idaho Small Farms and Ranches <i>Awarded to: University of Idaho Latah County Extension</i>	<i>\$49,200</i>
High Plains Ranch Practicum <i>Awarded to: University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service</i>	<i>\$27,588</i>
Managing Volatility in Commodity Prices and Input Costs for Montana Producers <i>Awarded to: Montana State University</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>
South Central Utah Beginning Farmer and Rancher Financial Management Program <i>Awarded to: Snow College</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>
Annie's Project <i>Awarded to: University of Idaho Gem County Extension</i>	<i>\$21,081</i>
Intermountain Master Cattleman <i>Awarded to: University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service</i>	<i>\$21,000</i>
Managing Tough Times: How Can Your Family Be More Resilient? <i>Awarded to: Colorado State University Extension</i>	<i>\$50,814</i>
Young Farmer and Rancher Executive Institute <i>Awarded to: Farm Credit Services SW</i>	<i>\$33,398</i>
Reducing Range Livestock Production Risks on Public Land Grazing Permits through Education and Monitoring <i>Awarded to: University of Arizona</i>	<i>\$32,840</i>
Barley Risk Management Education Project, Phase III <i>Awarded to: Idaho Barley Commission</i>	<i>\$12,000</i>
How to Manage Your Forest as an Investment: Oregon Forest Owners Workshop Series <i>Awarded to: Northwest Natural Resource Group</i>	<i>\$42,000</i>
Risk Management Education for Lincoln County Small Grain Producers <i>Awarded to: AgVentures IIW, LLC</i>	<i>\$49,500</i>
Risk Management Education in Southwest Medicinal Herb Production and Marketing <i>Awarded to: New Mexico State University</i>	<i>\$46,201</i>
Using Pasture, Rangeland and Forage (PRF) Insurance to Manage for Drought in Colorado <i>Awarded to: Colorado State University Extension</i>	<i>\$16,631</i>
Enhancing Marketing Opportunities by Facilitating Food Safety Risk Management Practices on the Farm <i>Awarded to: Washington State University</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>
Southwest Marketing Network's Navajo Nation Comprehensive Risk Management Conference <i>Awarded to: Farm to Table</i>	<i>\$49,075</i>
Niche Meat Marketing for Small-Midscale Livestock Producers in Oregon <i>Awarded to: Oregon State University Small Farms Program</i>	<i>\$30,637</i>
Northern Nevada Hoop House & Specialty Crop Production Education & Training Project <i>Awarded to: Western Nevada College</i>	<i>\$29,796</i>