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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Announcement of the Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops Program

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Commodity Credit Corporation has published elsewhere in this issue an interim rule establishing a new "Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops" program to help open, retain, and expand markets for U.S. specialty crops.

DATES: Proposals will be accepted until 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, September 18, 2002. Proposals will be reviewed, and funding decisions will be made, as proposals are received.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marketing Operations Staff, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4932-S Stop 1042, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1042, or telephone: (202) 720-4327.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To be considered for participation in the TASC, interested parties should submit, via a commercial delivery service (including FedEx, DHL, etc.), proposals to: Director, Marketing Operations Staff, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4932-S, Stop 1042, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1042. All proposals must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, September 18, 2002. Although entities interested in participating in the TASC are not required to submit proposals in any specific format, all proposals must contain complete information about the proposed projects as described in the interim rule, published elsewhere in this issue, that establishes the program.

Dated: September 6, 2002.

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Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Request for Applications (RFA): Innovative Programs for Addressing Common Community Problems

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

ACTION: Notice of request for applications and request for input.

SUMMARY: The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) announces the availability of grant funds for a new activity, Innovative Programs for Addressing Common Community Problems (IPACCP). This notice requests applications for the IPACCP for fiscal year (FY) 2002 to support a grant to a non-governmental organization (NGO) to establish and operate a national information clearinghouse on innovative means for addressing common community problems. CSREES additionally requests stakeholder input from any interested party for use in the development of the next Request for Applications (RFA) for this program.

The amount available for the support of IPACCP activities in FY 2002 is \$200,000.

This notice identifies the objectives of the IPACCP project, eligibility criteria for the project and applicants, and the application forms and associated instructions needed to apply for a IPACCP grant.

DATES: Applications must be received by close of business (COB) on September 20, 2002. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered for funding. Comments regarding this RFA are requested within six months from the issuance of this notice. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: The address for hand-delivered applications or applications

submitted using express mail (U. S. Postal Service) or overnight courier service is: Innovative Programs for Addressing Common Community Problems; c/o Proposal Services Unit; Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Room 1420, Waterfront Centre; 800 9th Street, SW.; Washington, DC 20024; Telephone: (202) 401-5048.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit completed applications via overnight mail or delivery service to ensure timely receipt by USDA.

Written stakeholder comments should be submitted by mail to: Policy and Program Liaison Staff; Office of Extramural Programs; USDA-CSREES; STOP 2299; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20250-2299; or via e-mail to: rfp-oepr@reeusda.gov. (This e-mail address is intended only for receiving comments regarding this RFA and not requesting information or forms.) In your comments state that you are responding to the Innovative Programs for Addressing Common Community Problems RFA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Applicants and other interested parties are encouraged to contact Elizabeth Tuckermanty, Program Director, Innovative Programs for Addressing Common Community Problems; Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 2241, Washington, DC 20250-2241; telephone: (202) 205-0241; fax: (202) 401-6488; email: etuckermanty@reeusda.gov.

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