

financial information should provide a general overview of current, historical and projected (pro forma) financial performance. Prepare the required financial information documentation in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP). Strong applications have benefited from the use of a certified accountant to develop this information. Applicants should refer to <http://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/tmu> under Hazardous Fuels Woody Biomass Grants for the financial information required for the full application.

7. Appendices

The following information must be included in the appendix of the pre-application and the full application:

- *Qualifications and Description of Management Team:* Qualifications of the project manager and key personnel should be included. Discuss management team's knowledge and experience as it applies to project.

Document how the management team is qualified to implement project and meet evaluation, monitoring, accounting, and reporting requirements. Explain in detail how the management team will ensure the success of the project.

- *Letter of Support and Biomass Availability Is Required:* This letter must describe forest management plans on Forest Service NF and how the proposed project will help meet forest management objectives. For other eligible lands, this letter must describe Community Wildfire Protection Plans (or equivalent documentation) and how the proposed project will help meet those objectives. The number of acres at risk, timeframes, available volumes, and opportunities for applicant to access these volumes are suggested issues to address in these support letters. These letters must be submitted with both the pre-application and full application. For Forest Service, NF lands, the letter must be signed by either a Forest Supervisor or District Ranger from the project location. For other eligible lands, the State Forester shall sign the support letter.

- *Letters of Support From Partners, Individuals, or Organizations:* Letters of support must be included in an appendix and are intended to display the degree of collaboration occurring between the different entities engaged in the project. These letters must include commitments of cash or in-kind services from all partners as listed in the SF 424 and SF 424A. Each letter of support is limited to one page in length.

- *The following information is only required in the full application:*

- *Federal Funds:* List all other Federal funds received for this project

within the last three years. List agency, program name, and dollar amount.

- *Equipment Quotes:* If requesting equipment, applicant shall include two quotes for each piece of equipment requested. If awarded a WBU grant, final receipts for all equipment purchased must be submitted to the Grant Officer.

- *Administrative Forms:* AD 1047, 1048, 1049, SF 424B and certificate regarding lobbying activities are standard forms that need to be included and are required before a grant can be awarded. These forms can be accessed at <http://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/tmu> under Hazardous Fuels Woody Biomass Grants, Forms.

Dated: September 24, 2009.

John Phipps,

Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-TM-09-0057; TM-09-05]

Notice of Agricultural Management Assistance Organic Certification Cost-Share Program

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of funds availability. Inviting applications for the Agricultural Management Assistance Organic Certification Cost-Share Program.

SUMMARY: This notice invites the following eligible States: Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming, to submit an Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424), and to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) for the Allocation of Organic Certification Cost-Share Funds. The AMS has allocated \$1.5 million for this organic certification cost-share program in Fiscal Year 2009. Funds are available under this program to 16 designated States to provide cost-share assistance to organic crop and livestock producers certified under the National Organic Program (NOP). Eligible States interested in obtaining cost-share funds for their organic producers will have to submit an Application for Federal Assistance, and enter into a cooperative agreement with AMS for allocation of funds.

DATES: Completed applications for federal assistance along with signed cooperative agreements must be received by close of business, October 23, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Applications for Federal assistance and cooperative agreements shall be submitted to: Robert Pooler, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, National Organic Program, USDA/AMS/TMP/NOP, Room 4004-South, Ag Stop 0268, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0264; Telephone: (202) 720-3252. Additional information can be found under "Organic Cost Share Program" on the National Organic Program's homepage at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Pooler, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, National Organic Program, USDA/AMS/TM/NOP, Room 4004-South, Ag Stop 0268, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0268; Telephone: (202) 720-3252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Organic Certification Cost-Share Program is part of the Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program authorized under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (FCIA), as amended, (7 U.S.C. 1524). Under the applicable FCIA provisions, the Department is authorized to provide cost-share assistance to organic producers in the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming. The AMS has allocated \$1.5 million for this organic certification cost-share program in Fiscal Year 2009. This organic certification cost-share program provides financial assistance to organic producers certified to the NOP authorized under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*). This program is in addition to and separate from the National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program which is also administered by AMS and is open to all States and U.S. Territories.

To participate in the program, eligible States, through their State Department of Agriculture, must complete an Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424) and enter into a written cooperative agreement with AMS. State Department of Agriculture refers to agencies, commissions, or departments of State government responsible for implementing regulation, policy or programs on agriculture within their State. The program will provide cost-share

assistance, through participating States, to organic crop and livestock producers receiving certification or continuation of certification by a USDA accredited certifying agent commencing October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010. The Department has determined that payments will be limited to 75 percent of an individual producer's certification costs up to a maximum of \$750.00.

To receive cost-share assistance, organic producers must submit an application to the representative Agency of the State in which their farm/operation is located. This application must include: (1) Proof of NOP certification issued or continued within the cost-share qualifying period, October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, and; (2) an itemized invoice demonstrating costs incurred for NOP certification. Costs incurred for non-certification activities, such as, membership associations or farm/operation inputs are not eligible for assistance through this program. Assistance provided to eligible producers under this cost-share program is included under the Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program. Total amount of cost-share payments provided to any eligible producer under all AMA programs cannot exceed \$50,000.

How To Submit Applications: To receive fund allocations to provide cost-share assistance, a State Department of Agriculture must complete an Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424), and enter into a written cooperative agreement with AMS. State Agencies submitting hard copy applications should submit a signed copy of Standard Form 424 and a signed copy of the cooperative agreement to AMS at the address listed above. The Standard Form 424 and the cooperative agreement must have the original signature of the official who has authority to apply for Federal assistance. Hard copy applications should be sent only via express mail or courier service and must be received at the above address by October 23, 2009.

AMS encourages interested States to submit the Application for Federal Assistance, (Standard Form 424) electronically via Grants.gov, the Federal grants Web site, <http://www.grants.gov>. Applications submitted electronically via Grants.gov must be filed by October 23, 2009. A hardcopy of Standard Form 424 bearing an original signature is not required when applying through <http://www.grants.gov>. However, the cooperative agreement must have the original signature of the official who has authority to apply for Federal

assistance. The signed cooperative agreement must be sent by express mail or courier service and received at the above address by October 23, 2009. States considering submitting electronic application forms should become familiar with the Grants.Gov website and begin the application process well in advance of the application deadline. For information on how to apply electronically, please consult <http://www.grants.gov/GetRegistered>.

The AMA Organic Certification Cost-Share Program is listed in the "Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance" under number 10.163 and subject agencies must adhere to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bars discrimination in all Federally assisted programs. Additional information on the AMA Organic Certification Cost-Share Program can be found under "Organic Cost Share Program" on the NOP's homepage at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1524.

Dated: September 25, 2009.

Rayne Pegg,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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Notice of 2009 National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Services, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of funds availability. Inviting applications for the National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program.

SUMMARY: This notice invites all States of the United States of America, its territories, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, (collectively hereinafter called States) to submit an Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424), and to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) for the allocation of National Organic Certification Cost-Share Funds. The AMS has allocated \$22.0 million for this organic certification cost-share program commencing in Fiscal Year 2008, and these funds will be annually allocated to States through cooperative agreements until exhausted. Funds are available under this program to States interested in providing cost-share

assistance to organic producers and handlers certified under the National Organic Program (NOP). States interested in obtaining cost-share funds must submit an Application for Federal Assistance and enter into a cooperative agreement with AMS for allocation of funds.

DATES: Completed applications for Federal assistance along with signed cooperative agreements must be received by October 23, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Applications for federal assistance and cooperative agreements shall be submitted to: Robert Pooler, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, National Organic Program, USDA/AMS/TMP/NOP, Room 4004-South, Ag Stop 0268, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0268; Telephone: (202) 720-3252. Additional information can be found under "Organic Cost Share Program" on the National Organic Program's homepage at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Pooler, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, National Organic Program, USDA/AMS/TM/NOP, Room 4004-South, Ag Stop 0268, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0268; Telephone: (202) 720-3252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program is authorized under 7 U.S.C. 6523, as amended by section 10301 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (Act). The Act authorizes the Department to provide certification cost-share assistance to producers and handlers of organic agricultural products in all States. The AMS has allocated \$22 million for this program to be annually allocated through cooperative agreements to interested States. The Program provides financial assistance to organic producers and handlers certified to the NOP. The NOP is authorized under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*).

To participate in the program, interested States, through their State Department of Agriculture, must complete an Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424) and enter into a written cooperative agreement with AMS. State Department of Agriculture refers to agencies, commissions, or departments of State government responsible for implementing regulation, policy or programs on agriculture within their State. The program will provide cost-share assistance, through participating States, to organic producers and handlers receiving certification or