DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service
National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.


SUMMARY: The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC), is charged, by law, to provide recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture on urban forestry related issues and opportunities. Part of the Council's role is to recommend the criteria for the Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry, (U&CF) Challenge Cost Share Grant Program. The NUCFAC has revised the criteria for the Forest Service's U&CF Challenge Cost Share Grant Program for 2011. The 2011 U&CF Challenge Cost Share Grant Program will solicit innovative grant proposals. A total anticipated amount of $855,000 would be available in 2011 for Innovation Grants.

Innovation Grants

Innovation grants are focused on three of the Council's identified priority issues confronting the U&CF community: Climate Change, Public Health, and Economic Development. The NUCFAC will seek proposals from organizations and partnerships that demonstrate the reach, resources and expertise to deliver meaningful, replicable results.

DATES: Applications are available electronically at the following Web site, http://www.grants.gov, due by 11:59 p.m., November 29, 2010. Those that do not have access to a computer may request a hardcopy of the application and instructions by contacting Nancy Stremple at the address below.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning this announcement should be addressed to Nancy Stremple, Executive Staff to National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, 201 14th St., SW., Yates Building (1 Central) MS-1151, Washington, DC 20250–1151. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 202–205–1054 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Stremple, Executive Staff or the U&CF Staff Assistant to National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, 201 14th St., SW., Yates Building (1 Central) MS–1151, Washington, DC 20250–1151, phone 202–205–1054.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 2011 Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant instructions and application are posted on http://www.grants.gov. Only the instructions will be posted on the U.S. Forest Service Web sites at: http://www.fs.fed.us/ucf.

If interested applicants are not already registered in grants.gov, they are encouraged to register now. The process may take up to two weeks to collect the required information.

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Robin L. Thompson, Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Institute of Standards and Technology

NIST Blue Ribbon Commission on Management and Safety—II

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of establishment of the NIST Blue Ribbon Commission on Management and Safety—II and Notice of Open Meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app.), the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology announces the establishment of the NIST Blue Ribbon Commission on Management and Safety—II "Commission". The Commission will assess NIST's progress in addressing the findings of the first NIST Blue Ribbon Commission and identify additional opportunities to strengthen management and safety at NIST. The Notice also provides notice of two open meetings of the Commission. Agendas for the meetings will be posted on the agency's Web site, http://www.nist.gov/director.

DATES: The Commission will meet on October 12, 2010 in Gaithersburg, Maryland and on October 20, 2010 in Boulder, Colorado.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the Commission’s establishment should be submitted to Kevin Kimball, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 101, MS 1000, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD, 20899; telephone: (301) 975–3070; e-mail: kevin.kimball@nist.gov.

Locations of the meetings and instructions for visitor admission may be found in Section IV, Notice of Public Meetings, of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Kimball, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 101, MS 1000, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; telephone: (301) 975–3070; e-mail: kevin.kimball@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The NIST Blue Ribbon Commission on Management and Safety—II is established to assess NIST’s progress in addressing the findings of the first NIST Blue Ribbon Commission and identify additional opportunities to strengthen management and safety at NIST. In particular, the Commission will assess NIST’s progress in: Making safety a core value at NIST; Integrating safety with the conduct of operations in a meaningful way across organizational units; Benchmarking safety protocols and performance against similar organizations with strong safety cultures; Addressing a serious lack of resources for safety; and Engaging a staff that is eager, willing, and ready to embrace a safety culture.

The Commission will submit a written report on its findings.

II. Structure

The Director shall appoint the members of the Commission. The Commission will have eight members. Each member will be either a member of the first NIST Blue Ribbon Commission or a current member of the NIST Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology. Each member will be a qualified expert with public or private sector experience in one or more of the following areas: (a) Management and organizational structure; (b) Training and human resource operations; (c) Laboratory management and safety; (d) Hazardous materials safety; (e)