

United States Department of Agriculture
Risk Management Agency – Spokane Regional Office
Federal Register Announcement

The Federal Register currently includes several notices of Request for Applications (RFA) for Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC).

The first RFA: Community Outreach and Assistance Partnership Program announces the availability of approximately **\$5 million** in fiscal year 2008 (subject to availability of funds) for collaborative outreach and assistance programs for limited resource, socially disadvantaged and other traditionally under-served farmers and ranchers, who produce Priority Commodities as defined within the RFA. Applicants will receive higher scores to the extent that they can document and demonstrate: (a) That partnership commitments are in place for the express purpose of delivering the program in this announcement; (b) that the project will incorporate training on the benefits and implementation of the Adjusted Gross Revenue Lite (AGR-LITE) insurance coverage plan; (c) that the project promotes energy alternatives for small farmers and ranchers; (d) that a broad and diverse group of farmers and ranchers will be reached; and (e) that a substantial effort has been made to partner with organizations that can meet the needs of producers that are small, have limited resources, are minorities, or are beginning farmers and ranchers. The announcement lists the information needed to submit an application under this program. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit completed and signed application packages using overnight mail or delivery service using the address listed within the RFA. Questions may be forwarded to David Wiggins at (202)690-2686 or david.wiggins@rma.usda.gov. **Closing date and time for receipt of applications is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on March 24, 2008.**

The second RFA: Commodity Partnerships for Risk Management Education Program (Commodity Partnerships Program) includes approximately **\$3.75 million** (subject to availability) for cooperative partnership agreements to deliver training and information in management of production, marketing and financial risk to U.S. agricultural producers. Priority will be given to educating producers of crops currently not insured under Federal crop insurance, specialty crops, and underserved commodities, including livestock and forage. For 2007, the FCIC Board of Directors and the FCIC Manager are seeking projects with priorities specific to each RMA region. For the *Spokane, WA Region: (AK, ID, OR, and WA)*, they include: **1.** AGR-Lite (AGR where applicable) Insurance Tools (Western WA and/or in Western OR). **2.** LRP Insurance Tools for Feeder Cattle, Fed Cattle, and Swine (Id, Or, WA) and Lamb (ID, OR). **3.** Potato Insurance Tools for Pacific Northwest Potato Growers; and **4.** General Agricultural Risk Management Topics. A maximum of fifty cooperative partnership agreements will be funded, with no more than five in each of the ten designated RMA Regions. The maximum award for any of the fifty cooperative agreements will be \$75,000. The RFA package lists the information needed to submit an application for these funds. Applicants and other interested parties are encouraged to contact Lon Burke at 202-720-5265 or RMA.Risk-Ed@rma.usda.gov. **Closing date and time for receipt of applications is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on March 24, 2008.**

The third RFA: Commodity Partnerships for Small Agricultural Risk Management Education Sessions (Commodity Partnerships for Small Session Program) includes approximately \$500,000 (subject to availability) for cooperative partnerships to deliver training and information in the management of production, marketing and financial risk to U.S. agricultural producers. Priority will be given to educating producers of crops currently not insured under Federal crop insurance, specialty crops, and underserved commodities, including livestock and forage. A maximum of 50 partnership agreements will be funded, with no more than five in each of the ten designated RMA regions. The maximum award for any cooperative partnership will be \$10,000. The RFA lists the information needed to submit an application for these funds. Applicants and other interested parties are encouraged to contact Lon Burke at 202-720-5265 or email at RMA.Risk-Ed@rma.usda.gov. **Closing date and time for receipt of applications is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on March 24, 2008.**

All RFA announcements and application packages are available for download at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/agreements>. **You may also contact RMA within the Pacific Northwest Region at RMA's Spokane Regional Office at 509-228-6320.**

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