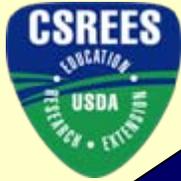


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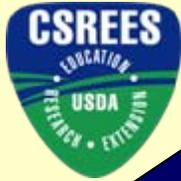
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September 10, 2008

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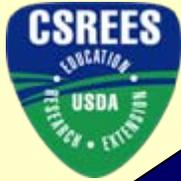
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)

- Established to make competitive grants for:
 - Fundamental research
 - Applied research
 - Extension
 - Education
 - Integrated research, education and/or extension



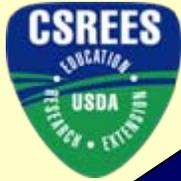
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- The program will address:
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 - Animal Health and Production and Animal Products
 - Food Safety, Nutrition, and Health



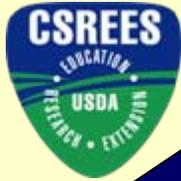
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- The program will address:
 - Renewable Energy, Natural Resources, and Environment
 - Agriculture Systems and Technology
 - Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities



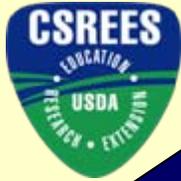
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)

- Authorized for appropriation of \$700 million for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012
- No less than 30% will be made available for integrated research
- Of funds allocated for research:
 - No less than 60% made available for fundamental research
 - No less than 30% for multi-disciplinary teams
 - No more than 2% for equipment grants



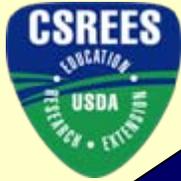
AFRI: Eligible Institutions

- State agricultural experiment stations
- Colleges and universities
- University research foundations
- Other research institutions and organizations
- Federal agencies
- National laboratories
- Private organizations or corporations
- Individuals
- Any group consisting of two or more of the preceding entities



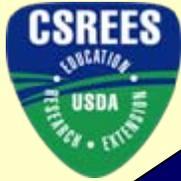
AFRI: Special Considerations

- Grants for improvement of research, development, technology transfer, and education capacity
- Grants to single investigators or co-investigators who are beginning research careers



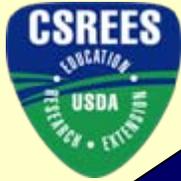
AFRI: Special Considerations

- Grants to faculty of small, mid-sized, and minority-serving institutions who have not been previously successful
- Grants to improve research , extension, and education capabilities in states that have been less successful



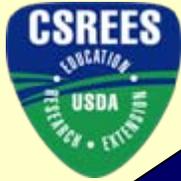
AFRI: Administration

- Award grants based on merit, quality, and relevance; selected through peer review; *not to exceed 10 years in duration*
- Solicit and consider input from persons who conduct or use agricultural research, extension, or education



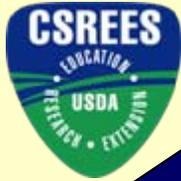
AFRI: Administration

- Seek the widest participation of qualified individuals in the Federal Government, colleges and universities, State agricultural experiment stations, and the private sector
 - In seeking proposals for grants
 - In performing peer review evaluations



AFRI: Implementation

- Written comments accepted until September 24, 2008
- Program announcement released by November 30, 2008
- RFA released by mid-January, 2009
- Proposal deadline dates beginning four weeks after RFA release



Meeting Procedures

- This session is being recorded and will be transcribed.
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- Please use a microphone.
- Speaking time has been assigned in five-minute allotments.
- A lunch break is scheduled from noon until 1:00 p.m.