Request for Applications

2009
U.S. Department of Transportation-Funded Competitive Grants Program

Deadlines:
Letter of Intent: October 15, 2008
Full Application: December 15, 2008

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The Sun Grant Western Regional Center (WRC) announces the availability of funds through its Competitive Grants Program to support research, education and outreach projects in three strategic program areas:

1) Biofuels Feedstocks Development (starchy, cellulosic and fatty acid biomass production),
2) Biofuels Conversion Processes (conversion technologies), and
3) Bioproducts Development (biologically-based products) that reduces or replaces petroleum use.

The mission of the Sun Grant Western Regional Center is to focus the abilities of the region’s land grant institutions in partnership with the private sector and federal laboratories to enhance national energy security and independence through the development, distribution and implementation of bio-based energy technologies, to promote bio-based diversification and environmental sustainability of the region’s agriculture, and to promote opportunities for bio-based economic diversification in rural communities.

WRC expects to award up to $1.8 million in competitive grants and seeks proposals from qualified institutions and investigators that address the stated regional programmatic priorities. Cost-share of 20% is required and indirect is limited by the funding source to 25% on direct costs. Integration, economics, marketing, policy, education or a combination of these overarching activities may be incorporated in any proposal. Two types of applications are being sought:

**Collaborative Proposals:** Grants up to $300,000 per year (maximum total of $600,000) will be provided to multi-Land Grant institutional and multi-functional (research, education and outreach) projects that address the Sun Grant mission and regional priorities. Proposals of 1-3 years in duration will be considered but preference will be given to two year projects. No more than two of these large projects will be funded in any grant year unless additional funding is available.

**Single Institution Proposals:** Grants up to $100,000 per year for projects of one to three years will be provided to single Land Grant Institution proposals by individual investigators or small teams that address the Sun Grant mission and WRC regional priorities. Other types of collaborations may be included.

**In order to submit a proposal, a Letter of Intent must be submitted by October 15, 2008. Full applications are due by December 15, 2008.** All application materials must be submitted through an online proposal system. A link to this system can be found at [http://sungrant.oregonstate.edu/grants](http://sungrant.oregonstate.edu/grants).

The remainder of this document contains details on submission guidelines, timetables, and other application information. In addition, details are available on the above listed website.