

Around the South

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■ SRDC Publications

- **"Fresh Ideas for Rural Development," SRDC's 2005 Annual Report**

We are pleased to share with you the latest report of activities undertaken by the SRDC over the course of the fiscal year 2005. Our 2005 report is designed to offer more in-depth attention to five key areas that the SRDC has given special attention to in recent years - topical areas that we believe are "fresh ideas for rural development..." The complete report is available on the SRDC Web site at: <http://srdc.msstate.edu/publications/annual05.pdf>

■ SRDC Items of Interest

- **2006 Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Innovation Grants Program Request for Proposals Announced**

The SRDC is pleased to announce its continued support for food and nutrition-related research focusing on the South. As in past years, the program is designed to support innovative social sciences-related research that advances our knowledge and understanding of food assistance and nutrition issues impacting vulnerable populations in the South. The deadline date is June 23, 2006. The RFP is available at <http://srdc.msstate.edu/06rpf.pdf>

■ Other Items of Interest

- **New Interactive Toolkit Available on Redevelopment of Brownfields**

Released by the National Association of Local Government Environmental Professionals (NALGEP), "Revitalizing Southeastern Communities: A Brownfields Toolkit" gives local officials the information they need to begin revitalization efforts in their own communities. The interactive compact disc includes information on resources and funding, interviews with project participants and more than 60 case studies of successful brownfields projects. Read the press release online at: <http://www.nalgep.org/about/news.cfm?Page=1&NewsID=30709>.

- **Report from the Center for Law and Social Policy Outlines Changes in TANF Programs**

This report explains some of the changes being made in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program due to the new federal budget. Among other things, the 2006 federal budget requires states to meet revised federal work participation rate requirements for the TANF program. Read the complete report, which includes links to various resources, at: http://www.clasp.org/publications/work_participation_activities.pdf

- **"Faces of the Future: A Portrait of First-Generation Community College Students"**
 The Association of American Community Colleges recently released a report summarizing the findings of a national survey created to examine various aspects of community college students' lives. The 12-page report looks at numerous factors, including age and gender, family income and reasons for choosing community colleges and specific programs. View the report in its entirety at:
http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ResourceCenter/Projects_Partnerships/Current/FacesoftheFuture/SurveyContent/Faces_Brief_Final.pdf
- **Report Details Decline in Funding of Academic Research**
 According to the National Science Foundation, industrial funding for research and development in academic science and engineering is experiencing an ongoing decline while federal funding of academic research and development has increased. This brief includes specific information on expenditures and funding of science and engineering at universities and colleges. Read the full report online at: <http://nsf.gov/statistics/infbrief/nsf06315/>
- **"Guide to Federal Resources for Youth Development"**
 In an effort to make federal funding more easily accessible to U.S. communities, America's Promise Alliance created this guidebook to help community leaders find the financial resources needed to help children and youth develop to their full potential. A variety of funding sources are provided along with updated contact and eligibility information. The complete guidebook is available online at: http://www.americaspromise.org/partners/federal_funding_guidelines.pdf

■ Funding Opportunities

- **2006 Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Innovation Grants Program**
 RFP Available at <http://srdc.msstate.edu/06rpf.pdf>
 Deadline Date: Postmarked by June 23, 2006
- **SRDC's Grant Connections: Rural Development Funding Opportunities**
 Volume 8, Number 4, April 2006
<http://srdc.msstate.edu/funding/apr06.htm> -- Available Now!

The SRDC staff compiles Grant Connections primarily for the faculty of land-grant colleges and universities in the South to provide funding information in support of activities in agricultural economics, education, human sciences, rural sociology, youth development, and other related disciplines.

■ SRDC Sponsored Conferences & Trainings

- **Connecting Rural Communities: Cooperative Extension as a Catalyst**
Sponsored by the Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development and the Southern Rural Development Center
June 6-7, 2006
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
<http://www.nercrd.psu.edu/ConnectingCommunities/ConnectingCommunities.html>

■ Other Conferences & Trainings

- **Western Community Vitality Initiative Workshop and Resource Fair**
Foundations of Practice: Community Development Training for Extension Professionals
May 24-25, 2006
Salt Lake City, Utah
<http://extension.usu.edu/wrdc/WCVIweb1.cfm>
- **Critical Processes and Properties Regulating Carbon Cycling in Southern Forests**
May 31-June 2, 2006
Asheville, North Carolina
<http://sfrponline.net/events.htm>
- **Southern Innovation Summit**
June 4-6, 2006
New Orleans, Louisiana
<http://www.southern.org/conf.asp>
- **GIS Population Science Training Program**
Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University
June 4-16, 2006
State College, Pennsylvania
<http://www.csiss.org/GISPopSci/workshops/>
- **E-Commerce Training - Western Style: A Train-the-Trainer Workshop**
June 7-8, 2006
Salt Lake City, Utah
<http://extension.usu.edu/wrdc/ecommerce2006.cfm>
- **2006 National Value-Added Agriculture Conference**
June 12-13, 2006
Nashville, Tennessee
<http://cpa.utk.edu/Value-AddConf/index.htm>
- **Creative Economy Workshop**
Sponsored by the Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development, in conjunction with the

2006 annual meetings of the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA)

June 13-14, 2006

Mystic, Connecticut

For more information, contact Todd Gabe, University of Maine, at todd.gabe@umit.maine.edu.

- **2006 CDS Annual International Conference**
"Communities That Click: Individuals, Families, and Organizations Working Together"
June 25-28, 2006
St. Louis, Missouri
<http://comm-dev.org/>

- **GIS Population Science Training Program**
Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science, University of California, Santa Barbara
July 10-22, 2006
Santa Barbara, California
<http://www.csiss.org/GISPopSci/workshops/2006/UCSB/>

- **Intensive Economic Development Training Course**
Session I: July 24 - 28, 2006
Session II: September 11 - 15, 2006
Auburn, Alabama
<http://www.aces.edu/crd/iedtc.php>

- **NCR-SARE 2006 National Conference - A Midwest Homecoming: Sharing a New Tradition of Sustainability**
August 15-17, 2006
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin
<http://www.sare2006.org>

- **2006 National Extension Tourism Conference - NETworking in Tourism: People, Places and Partnerships**
September 10-13, 2006
Burlington, Vermont
<http://www.esf.edu/NET2006/>

- ***Closing the Wealth Gap: Building Assets Among Low-Income Households* , A Policy Research Forum**
Held in conjunction with the CFED 2006 Assets Learning Conference

September 19-21, 2006
Phoenix, Arizona

- **Creating Business Success**

October 8-11, 2006

Tallahassee, Florida

<http://srdc.msstate.edu/calendar/famu/famuconf.html>

- **Managing Agricultural Landscapes for Environmental Quality**

October 11-13, 2006

Kansas City, Missouri

http://www.swcs.org/en/swcs_international_conferences/managing_agricultural_landscapes/

- **Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference**

November 9-12, 2006

Rock Eagle, Georgia

https://4h.ifas.ufl.edu/Events/southern_region_teen_leadership/general_information.htm

■ People in the News

- Dr. Joe Sumners recently became the new state leader for economic and community development within the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service.

■ Job Opportunities

- Senior Program Manager and Director of the Council on the New Economy Workforce
Southern Growth Policies Board
View announcement: <http://www.southern.org/about/jobs.shtml>

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