

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>

- **New Policy Brief Series on Rural Development**

The Rural Sociological Society, in connection with the Southern Rural Development Center and three other Regional Rural Development Centers, recently released a series of briefs based on the RSS book, "Challenges for Rural America in the Twenty-First Century." The six briefs, each drawn from a different chapter, stress the importance of promoting collective community action and developing the capacity of people and organizations to meet the special needs of rural communities. View the briefs online at: <http://srdc.msstate.edu/briefs.htm>

■ Other Items of Interest

- **2006 Report on the Future of the South Released by Southern Growth Policies Board**

Titled "Innovation with a Southern Accent," this report, released on June 4 at the Southern Innovation Summit in New Orleans, provides recommendations on "creating a Southern culture of knowledge, where learning and innovation are primary social values, and essential to the region's global competitiveness." It offers strategies to support and cultivate innovation and includes regional and state-level data in a variety of areas. View the report introduction online

at <http://www.southern.org/pubs/2006AnnualReport/InnovationIntro.pdf> or visit <http://www.southern.org/pubs/puborderform.pdf> to purchase the \$20 report.

- **New Report on Community-Based Learning**
Released by the Coalition for Community Schools, "Community-Based Learning: Engaging Students for Success and Citizenship" promotes community-based learning as a motivational strategy for students. Mississippi's regional community organizing initiative Southern Echo is one of the models highlighted in the report. Read it online at <http://www.communityschools.org/CCSDocuments/CBLFinal.pdf>
- **New Study Looks at Relationship Between Research Universities and Economic Development**
A new report from the Center for Regional Strategies, titled "Research and the Regional Economy: The Research University as a Driver," offers suggestions for improving economic development by fostering working partnerships between universities and their municipalities. Read it online at <http://regionalstrategies.org/artman/uploads/researchreport.pdf>
- **Report Examines Small Business Growth in Rural Areas**
Released by the U.S. Small Business Administration, this new study identifies factors that lead to rural small business growth, including the number of high school graduates and the presence of natural amenities, among other things. Also included are detailed case studies from six states. To read the report in its entirety, visit <http://www.sba.gov/advo/research/rs271tot.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**
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<http://srdc.msstate.edu/funding/june06.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

- **Joint Meeting of PLN, AEA and ASRED - [Registration now Open!](#)**
August 28-31, 2006

San Juan, Puerto Rico

<http://srpln.msstate.edu/conferences/pr/>

■ Other Conferences & Trainings

- **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>
- **RSS 69th Annual Meeting**
August 10-13, 2006
Louisville, KY
<http://extension.usu.edu/wrdc/ecommerce2006.cfm>
- **NCR-SARE 2006 National Conference - A Midwest Homecoming: Sharing a New Tradition of Sustainability**
August 15-17, 2006
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin
<http://www.sare2006.org>
- **Celebrating Rural Georgia**
August 21-23, 2006
Augusta, Georgia
<https://www.dca.state.ga.us/celebratingruralgeorgia/index.html>
- **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

- **Community Development Institute East**

September 24-29, 2006

Charleston, WV

<http://www.ext.wvu.edu/cdi-east/>

- **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

■ Job Opportunities

- Extension Educator in Tourism Economic Development

University of Maine

View announcement:

<http://www.umaine.edu/eo/jobs/coop/06032%20dev%20edu%200143.html>

- County Extension Educator - Leadership and Civic Engagement

University of Minnesota

View announcement:

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/units/director/hr/CtyExtEducLdsp&CivicEgmtHennepinCty.pdf>

- Extension Specialist - Community-based Business Development
West Virginia University
View announcement:
http://www.wvu.edu/~exten/about/ext_spec_bus_dev_cewd_061506.htm
- Research Associate in Community and Economic Development
Clemson University
View
announcement:http://www.clemson.edu/humanres/Classandcomp/joblist.htm#CU_Dept_Only
- Extension Program Leader for Agriculture and Natural Resources
West Virginia State University
View announcement:<http://53.careersite.com/candidate/processandviewjob?docid=A0196-3COE&source=search>

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