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■ SRDC Items of Interest

- **Southern SARE and SRDC Announce 2007 RFP for Sustainable Community Innovation Grants**

The Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program and the Southern Rural Development Center are interested in investing in *Sustainable Community Innovation Grants* -- projects that work to strengthen both agriculture and Southern communities by building explicit linkages between sustainable agriculture and rural community development. Such efforts help improve and advance an understanding of the mutual benefits that accrue to both agriculture and community when such key linkages are established and maintained. The proposal deadline 11:59 PM, Eastern Time, October 1, 2007. Reference the RFP for full details at <http://www.southernsare.uga.edu/currentcalls/sci.doc>.

■ National Items of Interest

- **Newest eXtension Site Focuses on Entrepreneurs and Their Communities**

extension has just announced the "soft" launch of its fifth Community of Practice web site: Entrepreneurs and Their Communities, available at <http://www.extension.org/entrepreneurship>. This web site will serve as an additional resource that local business owners can depend upon for unbiased information on a variety of business-related topics. Like all other websites launched as part of extension, the Entrepreneurs and Their Communities site is populated with various frequently asked questions (FAQs) responding to the most common set of questions that users are likely to ask. It also offers users the opportunities to submit questions not addressed in the FAQ system, inquiries that will be answered by land-grant university personnel with expertise in these specific topical areas. "The extension entrepreneurship website is a product of countless hours provided by a core team of 20 Extension educators and rural development partners drawn from all parts of the U.S.," said Bo Beaulieu, Director of the SRDC, and team coordinator. Over the next few months, the extension entrepreneurship team will be adding a number of products to the website, including a synopsis of state and local policies enacted to spur and support entrepreneurship; learning lessons offering a variety of self-paced educational programs; and various case studies on innovative ways communities nationwide have designed and launched local entrepreneurship-friendly

programs. Those interested in recommending improvements or additions to the site are urged to submit their recommendations to [Bo Beaulieu](#).

- **Texas A&M University Now Offering Two New Academic Programs in Community Development**

The Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences at Texas A&M University announces two new academic programs. One program is a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Development. This undergraduate major is designed to prepare students to address important social and economic issues in metropolitan centers, urban fringe areas, and rural communities. The department also has created a twelve-hour graduate Certificate in Community Development. It addresses issues of decision making and leadership, human organization and communication, institutional capacity and enhancement, and resource mobilization and management. For additional information regarding these programs, contact Dr. John K. Thomas, Program in Rural Sociology and Community Studies, Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Science, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-2261. Information is also available online at <http://www.rpts.tamu.edu/communitydevelopment>.

- **WRDC Releases New Publication: *Sustainable Rural Community Development: An Annotated Bibliography***

This is the first edition in an ongoing publication project focused on sustainable rural development. Given the importance of viable economies, ecological systems and cultural continuity, the WRDC believes it is important to begin the process of developing a bibliographic repository for literature relating to sustainable development. This publication is available at http://extension.usu.edu/files/publications/publication/pub_8058368.pdf.

■ Funding Opportunities

- **SRDC's Grant Connections: Rural Development Funding Opportunities**

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<http://srdc.msstate.edu/funding/aug07.htm>

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.

■ Conferences & Trainings

- **Building Communities Educational Series, "Community and Economic Development"**
 September 14, 2007 -- June 13, 2008
 Web Trainings
http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cced/communities/Building_Community.cfm
- **RCCA Annual Conference**
 "Red Hot, Rural and Ready!"
 September 23-25, 2007
 Albuquerque, New Mexico
<http://rcca.msgovt.org/rcca2007/>
- **Transatlantic Conference on the Science and Education of Land Use**
 September 24-26, 2007
 Washington, DC
<http://nercrd.psu.edu/taluc/>
- **Community and Faith Leadership Development Conference**
 "Celebrating a Decade of Extending, Engaging, and Empowering"
 Southern University AgCenter
 September 26-28, 2007
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana
<http://www.suagcenter.com/faithbased2007/FaithBased07.html>
- **12th Annual Booker T. Washington Economic Development Institute**
 "Asset Building and Entrepreneurship in Rural Communities: Best Practices, Programs and Initiatives"
 October 3-5, 2007
 Tuskegee, Alabama
<http://www.tuskegee.edu/btwsummit>
- **10th Annual Rural TeleCommunications Conference**
 October 14-17, 2007
 Springfield, Illinois
 Early bird registration ends Sept. 15
<http://www.rtcconference.org/ruraltelcon/site/default.asp>
- **Southern Region Water Quality Conference**
 October 15-19, 2007
 Fayetteville, Arkansas
<http://www.arnatural.org/water/>

- **Frameworks for Entrepreneurship Research in Food, Agriculture and Rural Development Workshop**
 October 18-19, 2007
 Kauffman Foundation
 Kansas City, Missouri
<http://dass.missouri.edu/agecon/mccel/workshop/>
- **Rural Community College Initiative Institute**
 Strengthening the Partnership between Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LSU AgCenter and the Southern Rural Development Center
 October 30-November 1, 2007
 Oak Grove, Louisiana
http://srdc.msstate.edu/rcci/07institute_la/
- **3rd Annual Access and Opportunity Summit**
 “Empowering Latino Student Success through Action and Multicultural Partnerships”
 Sponsored by Bluegrass Community and Technical College Office of Hispanic Outreach and Services and Kentucky State University Land-Grant’s Hispanic Initiative
 November 1-2, 2007
 Lexington, Kentucky
For more information, contact Erin Howard (erin.howard@kctcs.edu)
- **NASULGC Annual Meeting**
 "120 Years: Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future"
 November 11-13, 2007
 New York, New York
<http://www.nasulgc.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=201&srcid=210>
- **4th Annual Tri-State Diversity Conference: Expanding our Cultural Circles**
 January 17-18, 2008
 Clarksville, Indiana
<http://www.ces.purdue.edu/dearborn/diversityconf.htm>
- **SARE 20th Anniversary National Conference**
 March 25-27, 2008
 Kansas City, Missouri
<http://sare.org/2008Conference/index.htm>
- **6th Biennial ANREP (Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals)**
 "Leopolds legacy: Extension's Response to a Changing World"
 May 20-23, 2008
 Madison, Wisconsin

Abstract submission deadline has been extended until Sept. 24

<http://www.anrep.org/conferences/news-460a75a1c6611.pdf>

■ Job Opportunities

- Assistant/Associate/Professor
Organization Development and Evaluation
LSU AgCenter
View announcement:
http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/administration/about_us/Human_Resources/Job_Opportunities/nonclassified/ (004972)
- Assistant Director, Family and Consumer Sciences
University of Maryland
View announcement: http://srdc.msstate.edu/news/jobs/umd_fcs.doc
- Assistant Professor, Extension Specialist, Sustainable Rural Tourism
Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management / College of Natural Resources
North Carolina State University
View announcement: http://srdc.msstate.edu/news/jobs/ncsu_tourism.doc
- Assistant/Associate Professor, Extension Specialist, Community Viability
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
View announcement: <http://jobs.vt.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=185961>
- Assistant Professor, Agricultural Economist
Michigan State University
View announcement: <http://aec.msu.edu/openpositions/marketing.pdf>
- Assistant Scientist/Extension Specialist E-2
Washington State University
View announcement: <http://www.hrs.wsu.edu/employment/FAPvacancies.aspx?id=2537>
- Director
Western Rural Development Center
Utah State University
View announcement: <https://jobs.usu.edu> (Req #050671)
- Director, Food Economics Division
Economic Research Service, USDA
View announcement: <http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/> (Vacancy Ann.#: ERS:SES:07-06)

- Extension Community and Economic Development Educator
Michigan State University Extension (Ogemaw County)
View announcement: <http://web2.msue.msu.edu/personnel/VacancyDetail.cfm?JPosNo=1564>
- Professor and Head
Department of Agricultural and Extension Education
University of Arkansas
View announcement: <http://hr.uark.edu/Employment/ListingsJob.asp?ListingID=4842>

■ Submit Announcements

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