# Western IPM Center Grants and other Funding Opportunities

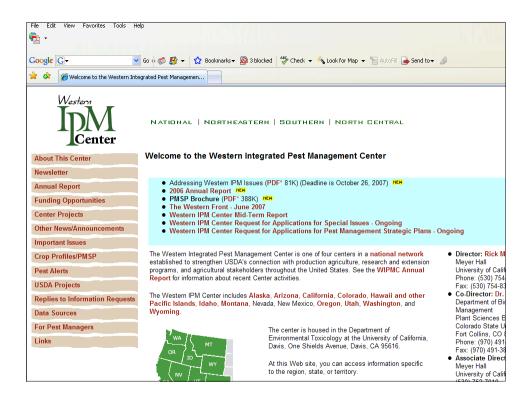
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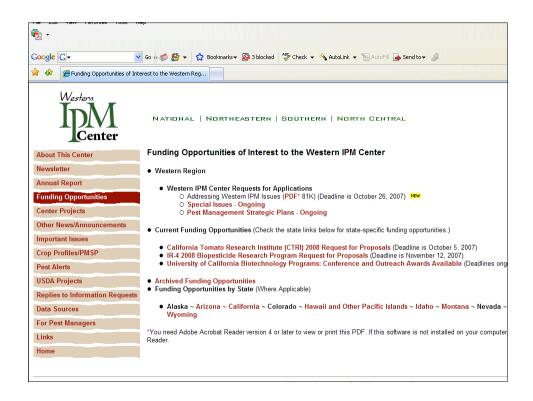
### Western Integrated Pest Management Center

- 1 of 4 centers in a national network
- Established to strengthen USDA's connection with agriculture, urban and natural systems research and extension programs, and pest management stakeholders throughout United States
- Includes 13 western states and the Pacific Islands

#### Collaborative Efforts

- Goal is to enhance collaboration to
  - Reduce duplication of efforts
  - Leverage resources
  - Cooperate on projects
- Collaborate with EPA, SARE, NRCS on projects
  - Develop common reporting for projects
  - Develop mechanisms for cooperative funding
- Work with other federal agencies to incorporate strong IPM focus





## Western IPM Center Annual RFAs (Overview)

- Work Groups due Aug 24, 2007
- Addressing Western IPM Issues due Oct 26, 2007
- Regional IPM Competitive Grants Program due Dec 7, 2007
- Special Issues ongoing
- Pest Management Strategic Plans ongoing

### **Work Groups**

- Multi-state group
- Address information, resource, and research needs in region-wide or broad area categories including: minor crops, major crops, non-crop areas, IPM metrics and/or impact assessments, urban IPM, cropping systems, geographical, school IPM and other issues
- Up to 2 years
- Projects in range of \$5,000 \$10,000 annually
- ~ \$50,000 available

### Addressing Western IPM Issues

- Must address priorities of region
- Document stakeholder input
- Multi-state
- Up to 2 years
- Maximum total budget of \$80,000 (\$40,000/yr)
- ~\$200,000 available

# Regional IPM Competitive Grants Program

- Managed by Western Region IPM Center, but administered by USDA-CSREES
- Document stakeholder input
- Encourages non-pesticidal tactics
- Multi-state
- Multi-disciplinary
- Address Center's program goals
- Up to 2 years, with a 1 year no-cost extension
- \$650,000 available (~\$420,000 for Research; ~\$165,000 for Research-Extension; ~\$70,000 for Extension)
- Maximum total budget of \$60,000 if 1 state; \$70,000 \$180,000 if more than one state (depending on type of project)

### **Special Issues**

- Funds available to bring together a group of people to address emerging issues such as a new pest, water issues, development of proposals for larger grants based on documented stakeholder needs
- Request as needed
- Completed within 1 year
- Maximum request of \$5,000

### Pest Management Strategic Plans

- Developed by growers and other stakeholders to communication needs with regulators and granting agencies
- Document pest management issues and strategies used in the field
- Agricultural producers and allied professionals establish research, regulatory, and educational priorities
- Completed within 1 year
- Range of \$5,000 to \$15,000

### Recent Projects Funded by the Western IPM Center

- Addressing Western IPM Issues
  - Available Funding approximately \$200,000 annually
  - 10 proposals, 5 funded, \$214,075
- Work Groups
  - Available Funding approximately \$50,000 annually
  - 4 proposals, 4 funded, \$44,210
- Regional IPM Competitive Grants Program
  - 27 proposals, 7 funded for \$669,480
- Special Issues
  - 3 proposals, 1 funded for \$3,625

### Other USDA Programs

- Pest Management Alternatives Program
  - \$1.4 M with regional priorities. Single crop. 1-2 yrs.
- Crops at Risk
  - \$1.3M nationally. Single crop. 2-4 yrs.
- Risk Avoidance Mitigation Program
  - \$4.22M nationally. Up to 4 years. Cropping systems.
- Integrated Organic Program
  - \$4.4M nationally.
- Methyl Bromide Transitions
  - \$3.0M nationally.

### **EPA** Funding Sources

- Region 9 & 10 EPA Ag. Initiative
  - Spring release
    - \$200,000 small grants
- EPA Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program
  - \$40,000 for each region
- EPA National Sustainable Ag Grant Program (new)
  - **\$400,000-500,000** 
    - Up to \$125,000 each grant

### Other Programs

- State and Local governments
- Various Commodity Organizations (crops)
- National Research Initiative (USDA-CSREES)
  - Various programs and dates

### Relevancy Statement is Important

- Relevancy
  - Stakeholder identified need
  - Relevancy component added to RFAs
    - Regional IPM Program
    - PMAP
  - Multi-state emphasis in many RFAs
    - Potential problem for single state proposals
      - Justify applicability to other systems
      - Try to collaborate on site for urban projects

### Other Proposal Writing Suggestions

- Realize competition is keen for limited funds
- Address each area of RFA
- Don't leave anything out of package
- Don't assume reader knows your project/issue
- If you don't follow instructions, don't expect funding

### **Priority Setting Process**

- Input from stakeholders
  - Pest Management Strategic Plans
  - Advisory Committee
  - Directed solicitations
- How can we best solicit stakeholder priorities?

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