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UTAH CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS AVAILABLE

Elise Boeke, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Technology, announces the availability of 2010 Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) to stimulate the demonstration and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies in Utah. Applications are requested from Federally Recognized Indian Tribes, eligible governmental or non-governmental organizations or individuals for projects between 1 and 3 years in duration. A total of \$350,000 is available in Utah for support of this program in Fiscal Year 2010. Each grant will not exceed \$75,000. Funds will be awarded through a two-phase state-wide competitive grants process which will include a pre-proposal for all applications, and a full application package only for competitively selected pre-proposal applicants, pursuant to notification by NRCS.

The proposed innovative project must encompass the development, field testing, evaluation, implementation, and monitoring of:

- Conservation adoption approaches or incentive systems, including market-based systems;
- Promising conservation technologies, practices, systems, procedures, or approaches; and
- Environmental soundness with goals of environmental protection and natural resource enhancement.

The deadline for pre-proposals is May 14, 2010. Applications must be sent to the NRCS State Office at 125 S. State Street, Room 4402, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138.

The official notice for these grants can be found on the Utah NRCS Web site at <http://www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/CIG/index.html>, or on the Grants.gov Web site at, <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=54092> (you may search by CFDA # 10.912) or you may contact your local NRCS field office for more information on the application process.

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