For the purpose of informing interested University of Tennessee-Knoxville faculty, please be aware of the following limited submission opportunity. Please note that the other recipients of this announcement could be potential collaborators on this opportunity.

USDA-GRANTS-0042210-001: National Clean Plant Network Cooperative Agreement Program

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, is soliciting applications for the National Clean Plant Network Cooperative Agreement Program. The National Clean Plant Network (NCPN) provides high quality asexually propagated plant material free of targeted plant pathogens and pests that cause economic loss to protect the environment and ensure the global competitiveness of specialty crop producers.

Priorities for this program include: 1) establishing and supporting clean plant network governance and related administrative and support systems; 2) providing for operations needed for the rapid and safe introduction, diagnosis, treatment, foundation block establishment, and release of clean plant materials for planting from foreign and domestic sources for commercial development; 3) conducting methods development to accurately test, develop therapies, and support the establishment of guidelines and standards for different crop species for certification maintenance; 4) developing partnerships with land-grant and other university-based extension and outreach services to interact with commercial nurseries, industry associations, and producers; and 5) developing and implementing audit and quality controls.

For detailed information about this opportunity (USDA-NIFA-WAMS-003137) please see the full solicitation (here). To find more opportunities from this agency, please see here.

Approximately $5M will be available to support up to 10 awards. Cost sharing encouraged but not required. Please see the full solicitation for complete award information for each of the programs.
This is a limited submission opportunity. As an eligible applicant institution The University of Tennessee (Knoxville, UTSI, and Institute of Agriculture) may only submit one proposal in response to this solicitation. The Office of Research requires that interested faculty submit a notification of interest to limitsub@utk.edu by 12 PM 04/29/10 for your proposal to receive consideration. In your email include:

- The name and contact information for the principal investigator
- Names of all internal co-investigators
- A descriptive name of the research project proposed
- A brief (one paragraph) description of the research project

Only faculty who have e-mailed their intent to propose by 12 PM 04/29/10 will be allowed to participate if an internal competition is necessary. If an internal competition is necessary all who submitted notifications of interest will be contacted and will be provided with information regarding competition requirements. For more information regarding UT limited submission guidelines, please see here.

Deadline for Notification of Interest to OR: 04/29/2010 12PM

The following deadlines apply only for the proposal selected to go forward:

Deadline for Proposal to OR-Sponsored Programs: 6/11/2010
(Please see the solicitation for complete application & submission information.)

Please contact Sponsored Programs (4-2402) with questions regarding proposal submission requirements for all tracks.

Deadline for Proposal Submission to Agency: 6/18/2010

If you have any questions regarding this announcement please contact:

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