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

**USDA-NIFA-AFRI-003037: Agricultural and Food Research Initiative – Childhood Obesity Prevention**

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), U.S. Department of Agriculture, announces the 2010 Agricultural and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) – Childhood Obesity Prevention Challenge. This program focuses on the societal challenge to end child obesity. In the Childhood Obesity Prevention Challenge Area RFA, specific program areas are designed to achieve the long-term outcome of reducing the prevalence of overweight and obesity among children and adolescents. The long-term outcome for this program is to reduce the prevalence of overweight and obesity among children and adolescents ages 2 to 19 years. Projects are being solicited in five program areas:

- **Integrated Research, Education, and Extension to Prevent Childhood Obesity**
- **Extension Interventions to Prevent Childhood Obesity**
- **Transdisciplinary Graduate Education and Training in Nutrition and Family Sciences or Child Development or Related Fields to Prevent Childhood Obesity**
- **Methodological Research to Assess the Effectiveness of Obesity Prevention Strategies**
- **Community-based Childhood Obesity Prevention**

Please note that in FY 2010, certain Program Areas within AFRI-Childhood Obesity Prevention Challenge require a Letter of Intent for submission of an application. For those programs requiring a Letter of Intent, a letter is required for **all** grant types except Conference Grant applications.
Additionally, please note that submission deadlines may differ for each of the five program areas within the AFRI-Childhood Obesity Prevention Challenge. Full proposals must be received by the Sponsored Programs Office five business days before the agency submission due date.

For detailed information about this opportunity (USDA-NIFA-AFRI-003037), including programs within the six priority areas, please see the full solicitation (here). To find more opportunities from this agency, please see here.

Approximately $262M will be available to support the AFRI program, with approximately $25M available for the Childhood Obesity Prevention Challenge. Please see the full solicitation for complete award information for each of the programs.

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