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### 2012 Alaska Agriculture Innovative Grant (AAIG) Application

Applications must be received by close of business (5:00 pm) May 31, 2012. Submit by fax, mail or in person to the Alaska Division of Agriculture, Central or Northern Region Office (see above).

**Make sure to provide the name, address, email address and telephone number for the primary applicant.**

**Proposal Due Date: May 31, 2012**

#### **Proposal Requirements:**

In order to address the increasingly competitive grant program, we must enforce the following requirements.

1. Must be an eligible *specialty crop*: fruits, vegetables, and nursery crops including floriculture. **Ineligible crops include:** feed crops, livestock, dairy products, eggs and aquaculture products. If you have any concern about whether your target crop qualifies as a specialty crop or not, please contact the Division of Agriculture.
2. The AAIG is intended to expand current technologies and opportunities, not subsidize producers; therefore, funds cannot be spent prior to award notification and receipts must be dated post-award.
3. Up to 50% of the total cost of the equipment, system or project, **excluding labor and shipping costs**, can be applied for.
4. Application must be typed. Please use 12-point font.
5. Each project must have a title page that includes the project title and your contact information.
6. Begin the proposal with a ½ page abstract, and then address each question outlined under "proposal content." A successful project will provide clear goals and objectives and will clearly state how you intend to evaluate the success/ challenges of your innovation system. The goals and objectives need to be specific, well-structured and brief. Clearly indicate how you will share your information publicly with the agricultural community.
7. Please make sure the proposal is no more than 4 pages, including the budget.

***"To responsibly develop Alaska's resources by making them available for maximum use and benefit consistent with the public interest."***

### **Proposal Content Requirements:**

**Project abstract: Provide a ½ page summary of the project and its objectives and then address the questions below:**

1. What is the piece of equipment, system or project you are requesting grant funds for?
2. Explain how you expect the equipment, system or project to extend your season or increase your production capacity. Please specify how you intend to measure this increase/ change compared to previous years.
3. Please list the different specialty crops you produce that will be impacted by this equipment, system or project.
4. The AAIG funding can be used solely to enhance the competitiveness of Alaska Grown specialty crops. Use this response to explain how your project satisfies this requirement.
5. What is the estimated total cost of the piece of equipment, system or project, excluding shipping, transportation and labor expenses? This is a dollar for dollar match, and you will contribute (at least) 50% of the monies for this purchase. Please indicate your understanding of this minimum dollar for dollar match requirement.
6. How will you present your findings to other growers, i.e. speak at a future meeting or arrange for a farm tour? Please understand that presenting your information is a requirement, and that your findings, positive or negative, will be posted online and available to the public

### **Submission Requirements:**

**Make sure to provide the name, address, email address and telephone number for the primary applicant.**

1. Submit a completed proposal by fax, email, mail or in person to the Alaska Division of Agriculture, Central or Northern Region Office (see above).
2. Proposal must be received by close of business (5:00 pm) in the Division of Agriculture offices on May 31, 2012. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for funding.
3. Each project must have a title page including the title and your contact information.
4. Limit your proposal to 4 pages, including the budget. The title page does not count!

The Division of Agriculture has written a sample proposal. You have permission to follow the format displayed on the sample proposal. The Division has also provided a sample budget outline to follow. Please go to: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/> to access these documents.

**If you have any questions when working on this proposal please contact Amy Pettit at [Amy.Pettit@alaska.gov](mailto:Amy.Pettit@alaska.gov), (907)761-3864.**