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LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

The Land and Water Conservation Fund program is administered by the SD Department of Game Fish and Parks, Division of Parks and Recreation. It provides matching grants to States and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The program is intended to create and maintain a nationwide legacy of high quality recreation areas and facilities and to stimulate non-federal investments in the protection and maintenance of recreation resources across the United States.

The fund is established to acquire, develop, and improve outdoor recreation facilities for use by the general public. Some examples of eligible projects are: playgrounds, sports and play fields, picnic and camping facilities, hiking/biking trails, beaches and pools, ice rinks, golf courses, amphitheaters/band shells, hunting areas/wetlands, winter sports facilities, fishing and boating facilities, interpretive and visitor information facilities, or renovation of existing facilities.

Grants are awarded for up to 50% of eligible project costs and are distributed on a reimbursement basis. Local matches can be cash or in-kind donations. The maximum grant amount is \$50,000 and the minimum grant amount is \$10,000. The deadline for the grant is August 10, 2012 and the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks has approximately \$385,000 available for this funding cycle. For more information regarding the Land and Water Conservation Fund, please call NECOG at (605) 626-2595.

THE GOVERNOR'S HOUSE

A Governor's House is now located at the NECOG offices until the week of the Brown County Fair, at which time it will be relocated to the fairgrounds. The house is located on the East parking lot of the Super City Mall.

CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRY (CCR)

Any entity that has applied for or received federal funding in the last few years was required to register with CCR prior to applying for the funding. Your CCR registration is valid for one year and requires annual renewals. The CCR system is scheduled to go away and be replaced with the System for Award Management (SAM) at the end of July.

Additional information is provided below or can be found at www.bpn.gov/ccr/ or www.sam.gov

CCR is Going Away -- What to Expect

At the end of July 2012, the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) system is going away. CCR, along with Federal Agency Registration (FedReg), the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA), and the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS), will be migrated into the new System for Award Management, or SAM.

For those of you familiar with this effort, you know it will reduce the number of passwords you need to remember, reduce the number of systems you need to enter and interact with, and reduce data redundancy by sharing the

data across the award lifecycle. To help you better understand how this will work, SAM training will be available online in early May. Please visit SAM.gov for more information.

What does the transition to SAM mean for you? Here are answers to a few of your most pressing concerns.

I have a current CCR registration.

• What do I do?

You do not need to do anything right away. When it is time to renew your current CCR registration, you will do it in SAM.

• What will happen to my data?

Your data will be migrated from CCR into SAM. It will be in SAM when you are ready to access it. When it is time to renew your registration, you will go to SAM.gov, create a simple SAM user account, and follow the online instructions to validate and update your information.

• When do I need to register for a user account in SAM?

You only need to register for a user account in SAM when it is time to begin updating your current registration. You do not need to do anything right away.

• What is the timeline for the CCR transition to SAM?

The transition to SAM will be at the end of July. We will provide more information as that date approaches.

MINI GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAMS

PIERRE, SD—Organizations involved in youth shooting sports will have the opportunity to obtain funds from the South Dakota Dept. of Game, Fish & Parks in 2012.

The South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks shooting sports mini-grant will be available for interested organizations starting in May. The grants are designed to provide funds to small, non-profit groups who are interested in providing shooting sport opportunities to youth. Eligible applicants who are approved will be reimbursed 75% of the total cost of the project. Requirements for the mini-grants include:

- Grants may not exceed a total of \$2,500 (Organizations cost)
- Non profit organizations only
- Organizations are eligible every two years
- Funds are available for shooting sports related programs only
- Firearms are ineligible for purchase under this grant
- Other examples of ineligible purchases under this grant include: clothing, club memberships, food, transportation costs, transportation equipment, and lodging. Purchases must be directly related to the shooting sports.
- Total funds available for this grant in 2012 are \$40,000
- Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements to be approved

The deadline for applying for these grants is on a first come first serve basis.

Interested applicants can email for more information or to request an application at jason.kool@state.sd.us or can contact by phone at 605-223-7666.

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