



## **North Dakota Agriculture in the Classroom Program**

### **REQUEST FOR GRANT PROPOSALS**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture is soliciting grant applicants to develop and conduct programs for K-12 agriculture education programs. Applicants are invited to respond to this request by submitting a proposal for any or all of the following activities of the Agriculture in the Classroom Program. School year 2012-2013 *grant priorities* will focus on North Dakota's urban centers, especially communities lacking agriculture education and/or enhancing established agriculture education programs to help reach new audiences.

- A. Secure private and public funding for the Agriculture in the Classroom Program through contributions and grants, with the objective of establishing a financial base for the current and future program needs;
- B. Coordinate in-service and pre-service training and promotional activities for K-12 teachers;
- C. Develop and distribute agriculture education publications targeting K-12 with a focus on 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students;
- D. Develop presentations and coordinate activities for Living Ag Classroom events in Fargo, Minot, and Bismarck;
- E. Develop and coordinate Agriculture in the Classroom activities for North Dakota educator conferences;
- F. Develop and coordinate a program of agriculture tours for teachers in North Dakota;
- G. Develop and coordinate a mini-grant program providing opportunities to expand agriculture education experiences for students;
- H. Development of technology tools for agriculture education specifically focused on 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers.

#### **2. GRANT PROPOSAL INFORMATION**

Each grant proposal in response to this request must include at least the following:

- A. Each proposal must list the name of the company or individual submitting the proposal, street address, mailing address, telephone number, email address, and the person(s) who will be responsible for the project.
- B. Proposals must describe in detail which of the previously described services (A-H) the bidder wishes to contract.
- C. Each applicant must indicate the dollar amount for each of the previously described services.
- D. Each applicant must provide information about his/her past experience and qualifications and three references that are familiar with the applicant's capabilities.
- E. Applicants may include any additional information that they consider pertinent and that will enhance the quality of their proposal.
- F. One PDF electronic copy must be emailed to [pritschet@nd.gov](mailto:pritschet@nd.gov) on or before Thursday, May 24, 2012, 5:00 p.m.

Please direct any questions to the above address or contact the North Dakota Department of Agriculture at (701) 328-4763 or email: [pritschet@nd.gov](mailto:pritschet@nd.gov).