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Please excuse any duplication

The USAIN Preservation and Digital Library Committee is now accepting submissions for the next round of Project Ceres. The purpose of this program is to support small projects that preserve print materials essential to study the History and Economics of Agriculture and make those materials accessible electronically through digitization. The Program, which is the result of a collaboration between USAIN, AgNIC, and the Center for Research Libraries, was launched earlier this year and the first round of funded projects is currently underway.

Please read this entire message and the attached Project Ceres information form carefully, as several changes have been made to the proposal process for 2014. A new two-tiered structure is being implemented with the dual purpose of 1) engaging institutions that have not undertaken major digitization projects in the past, and 2) creating a mechanism to build more strategically and systematically on prior preservation efforts. The two tiers are:

Tier 1 funding is for relatively small digitization/preservation projects and is designed to provide experiences that will prepare recipients to apply for funding for larger projects. This funding is available only to institutions who did not participate in the original NEH-funded National Preservation Program for Agricultural Literature. One time monies ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 will be available for projects that fall within the scope of the Ceres project.

Tier 2 funding is available to support projects aimed at furthering the national effort to preserve historical agricultural information. Monies ranging from \$7,000 to \$12,000 will be available for proposals focusing on the top priorities of the Ceres project (see Ceres Guidelines, attached). A series-level bibliography of materials to be digitized, if available, should be submitted with the proposal; if one is not available, one should be developed as part of the project and submitted at the completion of the proposal year. Matching funds are required to receive Tier 2 funding.

Also new for 2014: All applicants (Tiers 1 and 2) are required to submit a budget request form along with the project proposal form. Please note that there are separate budget forms for each tier.

Important eligibility notice: Institutions that received 2013 Project Ceres funding are eligible to submit proposals for new funding in 2014.

Attached to this message are the following five documents

1. Ceres Project Proposal Form - This 2 page form must be completed for each submission
2. Ceres Project Budget Form for Tier 1 Proposals
3. Ceres Project Budget Form for Tier 2 Proposals
4. Project Ceres information form - This 3 page document includes background information about USAIN, AgNIC, and CRL as well as requirements and program information. Please read this carefully before filling out the proposal form.
5. Ceres Guidelines: Bibliographies and Taxonomy of Publication Types and Titles, Land Grant University Publications.

Deadline for submissions is 14 February 2014

Return proposal form and budget form by email to:

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The USAIN Preservation and Digital Library Committee will be hosting a conference call on Monday 9 December to answer any questions you may have concerning this project. The call will be held at 3:30 pm eastern time.

[888-844-9904](tel:888-844-9904) Access Code: 6297555

We are all very excited about this opportunity and hope you will join us on Monday 9 December with your questions.

Project Ceres Subcommittee, USAIN Preservation and Digital Library Committee

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