

**WEBINAR—AGRICULTURE & FOOD RESEARCH INITIATIVE (AFRI)  
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS & RURAL COMMUNITIES (AERC) FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAM AREA  
National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture**

**DATE:** January 2 , 2014

**TIME:** :00 – :00 PM Eastern

**FEATURING:**

Highlights of the AERC program area, eligibility requirements, and other aspects of the following five programs will be discussed along with questions and answers.

- **Economics, Markets and Trade**
- **Environmental and Natural Resource Economics**
- **Entrepreneurship, Technology and Innovation**
- **Rural Communities and Regional Development**
- **Small and Medium Sized Farms**

**MODERATOR:** Fen Hunt

**PRESENTERS:** Robbin Shoemaker, Jill Auburn, Denis Ebodaghe

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**PLEASE NOTE** (whether or not you join the webinar):

- Letters of intent are required for these programs (a new requirement of AERC in 2014), due on February 19, and the application deadline for full proposals is April 28, 2014. You cannot submit a proposal if you do not first submit a letter of intent.
- The 2014 AFRI Foundational Request for Applications can be found at: [http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/14\\_afri\\_foundation\\_mod.pdf](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/14_afri_foundation_mod.pdf)
- For Grant-Writing Tips and Other AFRI Information, see: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/afri/afri.html>
- For more information on AERC including a link to abstracts of projects funded in the past (2011), see: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/agricultureeconomicsandruralcommunitiesafri.cfm>

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