



Request for Proposals Travel Assistance to 5th Small Log Conference

1. Overview. The Southwest Sustainable Forests Partnership (SWSFP) wishes to make available travel funds for people engaged in the forest and wood products industry of Arizona and New Mexico to attend the **5th Small Log Conference at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, Idaho, March 23 - 25, 2011.** Please see the Conference website at <http://www.timberbuysell.com/sic/>, from which the following information comes, for more details.

"This will be the **5th Small Log Conference**, produced by **Montana Community Development Corporation (MCDC)**, along with media partners **TimberBuySell.com** and **SmallWood News**, with the next event slated for **Mar. 23-25, 2011, at the Coeur d'Alene Resort**. This unique conference pulls together information not found anywhere else. The Small Log Conference has had a reputation for bringing together national and international players specializing in small-diameter log utilization, the three-day conference offers perspectives from every side, including public and private forestry experts, community development specialists, woody biomass interests and conservationists. The conference also offers a pre-conference tour along with a suppliers showcase featuring innovative equipment, products and solutions aimed at small log utilization."

"The past conferences, in 2004, 2005, 2007 and in 2009 had special themes allowing delegates to see high-tech mills in action, learn how the industry is dealing with the forest service and environmentalists, and spoke one on one with equipment dealers and wood project manufacturers. In 2011 our goal will be to provide even more insights and information about the small log industry."

"With each passing year the topic of small logs has become a more vital piece of our larger forestry picture. That's been reflected in the past Small Log Conferences, where momentum has grown as ideas are generated and members network with others to find a variety of options and solutions."

Six people will be selected to receive these travel assistance funds - three from Arizona, three from New Mexico. No more than \$800 per person will be authorized. Funds are provided by reimbursement only, after the Conference is completed.

2. Background. The SWSFP is a results-oriented partnership whose goal is to develop community-based environmentally and economically sustainable forest and wood products industry in Arizona and New Mexico, utilizing small diameter material and

other under-utilized forest and woodland materials removed during fuel reductions, forest thinning and forest restoration treatments. The SWSFP works toward achieving our strategic goals:

- (1) Provide technical transfer opportunities that promote the science of healthy forest ecosystems and the acceptable practices for reducing hazardous fuels;
- (2) Provide business and marketing expertise opportunities for wood use to build sustainable forest and wood product enterprises; and
- (3) Promote sustainable forest practices, markets and infrastructure in Arizona and New Mexico.

3. Submitting a Response. On a separate sheet of paper, submitted by US Mail or email, please provide the following information, and make a persuasive argument why you should be selected to attend the Conference with funds from the SWSFP.

A. Full name and contact information.

B. Describe your forest and wood product business. Also include a statement of your business and personal qualifications.

C. Provide a proposed budget, showing how you would use these travel assistance funds to assist financing your travel to the Conference.

D. Provide a short narrative telling the SWSFP why you should receive the travel assistance funds.

4. Deadline for Submission. Interested parties must submit proposals no later than 5:00 p.m., M.S.T., on February 1, 2011. The SWSFP will review and evaluate all proposals using its sole judgment and discretion, and may take into account the content of the responses and any other factors in its judgment. No late submissions will be accepted. The proposals must be submitted in writing or electronically, via U.S. Mail or email with attachment, to:

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5. Questions? Contact the RC&D at telephone number 928/524-6063, ext 5.