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NEW MEXICO YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS COMMISSION

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Dear Potential New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps Applicants:

The New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps Commission (Commission) requests proposals from local units of government, state agencies, federal agencies, non-profit organizations, (those exempt from federal income tax as described in Section 501(c) of the United States Internal Revenue Code) or federally-recognized Native American tribes to sponsor projects authorized by the New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 9-5B- 1 through 9-5B-11. The Commission has approximately \$3.2 million to distribute among all approved projects. The projects will be completed in the State of New Mexico fiscal year 2011(calendar year 2010).

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Projects must be completed in six months or less. Corps member shall be between the ages of 14 to 25 and be involved in projects in New Mexico that:

- Preserve, maintain and enhance natural resources by protecting air, fish, forests, water and wildlife;
- Rehabilitate and improve cultural, historical and agricultural resources by helping to maintain and improve botanical gardens, historic sites, libraries, museums, parks, parkways, refuges, trails, zoos and other recreational and natural areas;
- Benefit recreational areas and parks by improving their use and access;
- Assist with emergency operations, including fires, floods and rescue of lost or injured persons;
- Beautify, improve and restore urban areas;
- Renovate community facilities, including those for the elderly or indigent;
- Reinforce the "Keep New Mexico Beautiful" campaign; or
- Provide disaster relief, increase energy conservation and recycling, improve fire prevention, beautify New Mexico highways, upgrade public lands and facilities, revitalize urban areas and further goals of community renewal, protection and enhancement of natural resources.

Projects must be designed to include an educational curriculum relevant to the instruction of the work experiences, as well as opportunities for the development of skills, discipline, good work habits and positive attitudes to remain in or return to school. Those projects that provide an opportunity for Corps members to earn educational credit hours or industry licenses for serving in a YCC project will have a greater chance of being funded.

Proposals must conform to the prescribed "Request for Proposals" format in order to be considered for funding. An original and 9 copies of each proposal must be received at the Youth Conservation Corps Office, 141 E. De Vargas Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 no later than 4 p.m. MDT on Thursday, August 6, 2009.

The Commission plans to enter into numerous Professional Services Agreements or Governmental Services Agreements as a result of this Request. A copy of the Request for

Proposals (RFP) and the application may be obtained from the YCC website: <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/YCC>. The RFP and application will be posted on the YCC website April 15, 2009.

Applicants must submit their application online, as well as provide one original document with original signatures and dates and nine copies to the YCC office. (Signatures are required from the applicants/partners contributing in-kind to the project. Do not wait until the last minute to submit the application.)

YCC staff will lead five "Writing a YCC Grant Application" workshops in various locations around the state. The locations, dates, and times are as follows:

- Tuesday, April 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., City of Bloomfield Fire Department, 915 North First Street, Bloomfield
- Tuesday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 3p.m., Roswell Adult Center Computer Lab, 807 North Missouri, Roswell
- Thursday, May 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Room 148, John Marshall Health and Social Services Center, 1500 Walter, SE, Albuquerque
- Tuesday, May 19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., New Mexico State Records and Archives, 1205 Camino Carlos Rey, Santa Fe
- Tuesday, June 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Town of Silver City Annex, 106 W. 12th Street, Silver City (parking is available across the street)

The Commission will review the applications in October 2009 and notify Applicants whether they received a grant or not by November 30, 2009. During the scoring process, **Applicants who have attended a workshop will receive 5 additional points.**

Sincerely,



Wendy Kent, Executive Director
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