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## **News Release**

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## Deadline to Submit Application for USDA Risk Management Education Program Approaching

SAINT PAUL, Minn., June, 11, 2014 – The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds those interested in submitting an application for the Risk Management Education Partnerships Program that the deadline to do so is approaching. Applications are due on or before 11:59 p.m. EDT on June 30, 2014, and must be submitted electronically through the Results Verification System (RVS) at <u>rvs.umn.edu</u> and received on or before the deadline.

The Risk Management Education Partnerships Program provides risk management organizations with resources to develop training and education programs to help farmers and ranchers effectively manage long-term risks and challenges. Past training partners have included universities, county cooperative extensions, and non-profit organizations that specialize in crop insurance and risk management education.

A broad range of risk management training activities are eligible for consideration under this funding opportunity, including educating farmers and ranchers on the federal crop insurance program and options resulting from the Farm Bill provisions. The 2014 Farm Bill expanded the list to include farm financial benchmarking efforts. These risk management activities will provide farmers and ranchers with tools useful in making the best risk management decisions for their agricultural operations.

A training session for potential applicants on how to use the RVS will be conducted on June 12, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. EDT. The session will last an hour and will provide a short overview of the Request for Applications (RFA) requirements. A webinar will follow to demonstrate how to access the system and create a proposal. Participants will be given an opportunity to ask questions at the conclusion of the training. Email <u>rma.risk-ed@rma.usda.gov</u> or call (202)720-0779 for information on how to participate in the training.

RMA published the RFA for the Risk Management Education Partnerships Program in the Federal Register on May 15, 2014. This announcement can be found on RMA's website at www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/agreements.

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