

with severely distressed public housing. The maximum amount of each grant award is \$22 million; it is anticipated that five or six grant awards will be made. Eligible entities are (non-troubled) public housing authorities (PHAs) with severely distressed public housing, subject to the requirements under Section III of this Notice of Funding Availability. Nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations, private citizens and entrepreneurs are not eligible to apply. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

2011 U.S. Forest Service National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge (NUCFAC) Cost-Share Grant Program - Pre-Proposal Deadline: November 29, 2010

The Forest Service recently announced the availability of approximately \$855,000 for its 2011 NUCFAC Cost-Share Grant Program, a funding opportunity with a focus on urban and community forestry projects with national or widespread impacts and applications. This year, the categories of emphasis include mitigating greenhouse gas emissions or helping communities adapt to climate change; the influence of urban and community forests on public health; and, the influence of urban and community forestry on economic development. For more information on the program, including a list of past recipients, visit the [NUCFAC webpage](#). Click [HERE](#) to download a full grant application package.

National Spatial Data Infrastructure Cooperative Agreement Program (NSDI CAP) Grants - Deadline: January 7, 2011

The Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) has announced the release of the 2010 NSDI CAP grant applications. This grant opportunity supports organizations across the country develop and implement projects to support several phases of the NSDI. Categories for projects include: Metadata Trainer and Outreach Assistance, FGDC-endorsed Standards Implementation Training and Outreach, Fifty States Initiative-Strategic and Business Plan Development, Fifty States Initiative-Business Plan Development and Implementation, Return on Investment Methodology and Business Case Development for Multi-agency NSDI Projects and FGDC Standards Development Assistance. More information on the program is available [here](#) and additional information on the grant application process is available at www.grants.gov. There are two upcoming webinars about this grant opportunity: **November 2** (hosted by the FGDC) and **November 3** (hosted by Applied Geographics, FGDC and NARC).

U.S. EPA Accepting Applications for Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training – Deadline: January 14, 2011

The U.S. EPA is accepting funding proposals to deliver environmental

workforce development and job training programs focused on hazardous and solid waste management, assessment, and cleanup associated activities. These grants are to recruit, train, and place, unemployed and under-employed, predominantly low-income and minority, residents affected by hazardous and solid waste sites and facilities with the skills needed to secure full-time, sustainable employment in the environmental field and in the assessment and cleanup work. EPA has available \$4 million to award approximately 13 cooperative agreements. Eligible entities: local governments, government entity created through state legislature, Regional Council or group of local governments, redevelopment agency, Indian tribe, land clearance authority, and non-profit organizations. Click [HERE](#) for the application guidelines. Click [HERE](#) for more information on brownfields funding opportunities.

UPCOMINGEVENTS

FGDC NSDI CAP Grant Program Webinar presented by the FGDC

Tuesday, November 2, 2010, 1 pm ET: The Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) will host a free webinar about the 2011 National Spatial Data Infrastructure Cooperative Agreements Program (NSDI CAP), which funds innovative projects building infrastructure to discover, access, share, manage and use digital geospatial data. Webinar participants will learn about the program and how to apply for the upcoming 2011 round of funding. The webinar will be held twice; however each webinar is limited to 40 attendees, so please register soon. Click [here](#) for registration and additional webinar information. The 2011 NSDI CAP announcement should be posted to www.Grants.gov by the end of October, and NARC will provide a direct link to this information in *eRegions* when it becomes available.

FGDC NSDI CAP Grant Program Webinar presented by Applied Geographics, FGDC and NARC

Wednesday, November 3, 2010, 2pm ET: Applied Geographics, Inc., a NARC corporate partner, and NARC, with assistance from the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), will hold this webinar describing how regions can take advantage of FGDC's 2011 National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Cooperative Agreement Program (CAP) grants. It will provide the details of the grant program and how to apply, as well as examples of successful application topics and ways to meet the matching requirements. The presentation will be introduced by FGDC [Fifty States Initiative](#) Program leader, Milo Robinson, and presented by [Applied Geographics, Inc.](#), which is under contract to support this initiative. More

information about the 2011 NSDI CAP grants is available [here](#). Click [HERE](#) to register.

EDA Changes to Grant Making Process Webinar

Thursday, November 4, 2010, 2pm ET: The U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) will host a webinar on the recent changes to its grant making process. The webinar will be hosted by Assistant Secretary John Fernandez and Deputy Assistant Secretary Phil Paradise. Click [HERE](#) to register for the webinar or click [here](#) to access additional information on the changes to the grant making process.

Metropolitan Planning Organizations 101 Webinar

Tuesday, November 9, 2010, 12pm ET: Geared for local elected officials, this webinar seeks to introduce participants to what metropolitan planning organizations are, their requirements currently under federal law, and how they differ from other regionally focused planning organizations. Presented by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, participants should use this opportunity to expand their knowledge of the regional transportation planning process and the important role local elected officials play. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group Workshop on Food Systems

November 11-13, 2010, Albany, NY: The Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (NESAWG) is hosting *It Takes a Region – 2010: A Working Conference to Build our Northeast Food System*, featuring a special pre-conference training session hosted by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and the American Farmland Trust, focused on planning professionals and their role in planning for food systems change. Additional information on the pre-conference training session can be found [here](#), and registration and general information about the conference is available [here](#).

2010 Chicago and Denver EDA Regional Conference

November 15-17, 2010, St. Louis, MO: The U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Chicago and Denver Regional Offices will host a joint regional conference, *Keys to Grow Your Regional Economy: Jobs, Innovation and Partnerships*. The conference will provide ample opportunities for networking and interaction with regional economic development leaders, practitioners, representatives from other federal agencies, presenters and EDA staff. Full conference details and

registration information is available [HERE](#).

U.S. Clean Technology Trade & Investment Mission Conference

November 29-December 4, Lyon, France and Brussels, Belgium: ITA and

EDA are will host a “U.S. Clean Technology Trade & Investment Mission.”

Please visit the official mission webpage, by clicking [HERE](#), for the mission statement, application and application instructions.

Geospatial Viewers Overview Webinar

Tuesday, December 7, 2010, 2pm ET: This webinar, hosted by Sam Wear from Westchester County, NY GIS, will provide a demo on how to get started with a variety of easy-to-use geospatial viewers (ArcGIS Explorer, Google Earth, NASA World Wind, GAIA 3, etc.) that offer cost effective options in delivering, sharing, and viewing geospatial data and services. These viewers can be used to easily to consume and combine (a.k.a. “mash-up”) Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) compliant map services with local datasets and other digital products. Steps on how to access and use map services (WMS, ArcIMS, KML/KMZ, others) and local shapefiles, and other application highlights will be discussed. Click [HERE](#) to register.

2011 National Conference of Regions

February 13-15, 2011, Washington, DC: NARC will host its 2011 National Conference of Regions, which will focus on Obama Administration's priorities, Congressional activities, and critical policy issues and pending federal legislation that will impact regions. Click [HERE](#) to register for the conference.

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