FLEPPC's Kathy Craddock Burks Education Grant

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – FY2010

Program Description and Eligibility

The Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council is soliciting grant proposals for non-native invasive plant education and outreach projects in Florida. The intent of these grants is to provide funding to organizations or individuals who will educate Floridians about non-native invasive plants and their influences on the environment and economy of Florida. Proposals will be accepted from individuals, public or private nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions.

Evaluation Criteria

Award preference will be given to proposals that meet the following criteria:

- Involve plants listed as Category-I species on the FLEPPC 2009 List of Invasive Plant Species, found on www.fleppc.org (projects involving Category-II species will also be considered);
- Include an educational message that will reach a large segment of the community;
- Heighten community awareness about non-native invasive plant identification, management, prevention, environmental and/or economic impacts;
- Involve an active component (passive programs such as signs, brochures or websites should be enhanced to promote an event or an action involving the target audience);
- Include an evaluation of project success;
- Demonstrate matching funds or in-kind contributions;
- Include partnerships (please specify type and degree of involvement for partner entities);
- Include a detailed timeline of grant activities.
- First time applicants and new/startup projects will be given preference, although repeat applicants and established programs will be considered.

Application instructions and further information may be found on the FLEPPC website (www.fleppc.org). Grants may not be used to fund food or beverages, capital expense items (sprayers, chain saws, machinery, herbicide), overhead costs (e.g., electricity) or large-scale herbicide application activities. Requests for funding should not exceed $1,000.00 and all funds awarded are to be used within one year of receipt. If full funding is not available, partial funding may be awarded. Applicant/organization must present a summary of results at the FLEPPC annual meeting (poster or presentation) or provide a summary article for possible inclusion in *Wildland Weeds* magazine. The FLEPPC Education Grant Committee reserves the right to review all publications resulting from its funding (prior to printing or distribution) for accuracy.

The deadline for proposal submission is 5PM on February 1, 2010.

The FLEPPC Education Committee will review all applications. Winners will be announced in April 2010 at FLEPPC's annual conference, held this year in Crystal River, FL.

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