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Connecting Students and Communities program

Summary:

(November 1, 2005)-The Center for Small Towns (CST) at the University of Minnesota, Morris, and the University of Minnesota West Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership will again collaborate to offer a "Connecting Students and Communities" (CSC) program. This program provides financial support to hire a University of Minnesota, Morris undergraduate student. The student can help in the areas of research, project administration or provide other support while at the same time learning how to complete project goals. Previously funded student projects have addressed issues of senior housing, storefront design, health care research, program evaluation, document design and newsletter creation, economic analysis, Internet and Web training, analyzing water and wastewater data, downtown revitalization, analysis of census data, and more.

Local units of government, K-12 schools, or community-based organizations located in 12 west central Minnesota counties -- Big Stone, Chippewa, Douglas, Grant, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Pope, Renville, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, and Yellow Medicine -- are encouraged to apply. The deadline to apply for this free assistance is December 2, 2005. Priority is given to projects that include:

- Community based renewable energy
- Local and healthy foods
- Healthy landscapes and water
- Natural and cultural base tourism
- Economic development
- Other project areas will be considered

CST staff can assist your organization in the development of the application. If the proposal is funded, staff will also help in the coordination of activities related to the student's involvement and help provide technical assistance related to these projects. The student will be available for up to 10 hours a week during spring semester from January 17 (or the time of student hiring) through May 5.

To obtain a CSC application on-line visit the Center for Small Towns Web site:

1. Go to <http://www.centerforsmalltowns.org> Connecting Students and Communities program and download the application.
2. Print out a hard copy of the application and send, deliver, mail or fax, 320-589-6476:

The Center for Small Towns
University of Minnesota, Morris
Attn: Jessica Beyer
600 E 4th Street
Morris, MN 56267

3. If you have questions, need assistance, or want a paper copy of the application contact Jessica Beyer at (320) 589-6451 or jbeyer@morris.umn.edu.

More details about the project can be found at the CST Web site (<http://www.centerforsmalltowns.org>) or at the CST office, located in the Community Services building on the Morris campus.

The Center for Small Towns is a community outreach program housed at the University of Minnesota, Morris and serves as a point-of-entry to the resources of the University of Minnesota. Small towns, local units of government, K-12 schools, non-profit organizations, and other University units are able to utilize CST's resources as they work on rural issues or make contributions to rural society. CST's mission is to focus the University's attention and marshal its resources toward assisting Minnesota's small towns with locally identified issues while creating applied learning opportunities for faculty and students.

The West Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership <http://www.regionalpartnerships.umn.edu> is one of five University of Minnesota Regional Partnerships, legislatively funded initiative led by citizen leaders. The partnership is committed to leverage U of M resources to sustain west central Minnesota's natural resource base economy and empower citizen participation and leadership. Since its inception in 1999, the partnership has funded/partnered on more than 25 applied research and education projects.

Through personal and academic discovery, the University of Minnesota, Morris provides opportunities for students to grow intellectually, engage in community, experience environmental stewardship and celebrate diversity. A renewable and sustainable educational experience, Morris prepares graduates for careers, for advanced degrees, for lifelong learning, for work world flexibility in the future, and for global citizenship. Learn more about Morris at morris.umn.edu or call 888-866-3382.