

Request for Proposals: 2015 Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity

Synopsis of Cooperative Agreement Opportunity:

The U.S. Forest Service requests proposals to substantially expand and accelerate wood energy and wood products markets throughout the United States to support forest management needs on National Forest System and other forest lands.

This Request for Proposals focuses on the following priorities:

- Reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest health on National Forest System and other forest lands.
- Reduce costs of forest management on all land types.
- Promote economic and environmental health of communities.

Important Dates:

November 5, 2014 – Pre-Application Webinar

<https://www318.livemeeting.com/cc/usda/join?id=BGW262&role=attend&pw=tK-%287%26Dwt>

January 23, 2015 - Proposal submission deadline

March 3, 2015 - Approximate date for the U.S. Forest Service to notify applicants of results

April 7, 2015 - Approximate date of award

Funding will be awarded in two separate grant categories:

GRANT CATEGORY 1: EXPANSION OF WOOD ENERGY MARKETS

The intent of this category is to stimulate, expand, or support wood energy markets that depend on forest residues or forest byproducts generated from all land types. Preference will be given to projects that make use of low-value wood generated from National Forest System and other forest lands with high wildfire risk.

Subcategories include:

- **Statewide Wood Energy Teams**
- **Wood Energy Projects**
- **Wood Energy Markets**

GRANT CATEGORY 2: EXPANSION OF WOOD PRODUCTS MARKETS

The intent of this category is to promote markets that create or expand the demand for non-energy based wood products. Preference will be given to projects that support commercial building markets or other markets that use existing or innovative wood products. Wood energy projects will not be considered under this category because those projects can apply for funding under Grant Category 1.

For more information, see the attached RFP from the Federal Register or visit:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-27/pdf/2014-25514.pdf>

Thank you so much in advance!