



E-Newsletter

January 8, 2007

*****Please visit us at the Western Canadian Crop Production Show - Booth A168*****

ACAAFS Application Deadlines:

DEADLINE EXTENDED - January 15, 2007 for requests \$10,000 and above.
January 12, 2007 for Speaker Sponsorship applications and requests less than \$10,000.

[Click here](#) for a full list of upcoming application deadlines.

SCCD is moving to new offices

After seven years in our current location, the Saskatchewan Council for Community Development (SCCD) is moving to a new building at the Innovation Place Research Park on the University of Saskatchewan Campus in Saskatoon.

At the end of January, we will move to the Concourse Building, which is just across the parking lot from our current offices in the Galleria Building.

We are moving to an area that will be known as the "Entrepreneurial Centre." Joining us in this space will be the Entrepreneurial Foundation of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Advanced Technology Association, the Business Mentorship Institute, and law firm Furman Kallio. SCCD has formed alliances with these organizations to offer our members and clients better opportunities for commercializing their projects and bring their innovative projects and programs to reality.

Please visit us in our new office at **207 – 116 Research Drive**.

Please [click here](#) for a PDF map pointing to our new location.

Complete the SCCD Communications Survey and be entered to win a Sask Made gift basket

The Saskatchewan Council for Community Development (SCCD) is looking for your feedback. We need to know how well we are communicating with you. Are our newsletters, Websites, and printed materials informative? Is there something that is lacking, something we could be doing better to meet your needs?

Please take five to ten minutes to fill out the survey and let us know your opinion. Surveys submitted before February 15 will be entered into a draw for a Saskatchewan made gift basket from the Sask Made Market Place in Saskatoon.

Please [click here](#) for a link to the online survey

Become a member of SCCD!

SCCD's members make a difference in agriculture, agri-food, and community development in Saskatchewan. Provincial organizations, legally incorporated in the province of Saskatchewan with an interest in advancing agriculture, agri-food and rural communities in the province are encouraged to join the growing list of organizations that are becoming members of SCCD. There are many benefits of membership, including:

- The right to vote at all SCCD meetings
- The ability to have a representative serve on the SCCD board of directors
- Free attendance and lunch at the Annual General Meeting (held in June)
- Discounts on SCCD events, seminars and workshops
- Member recognition in the SCCD newsletter and on the SCCD website
- A subscription to the SCCD newsletter and E-newsletter

To become a member of SCCD, please [click here](#) for a link to our online registration form. If you have any questions about membership, please call us at 975-6847 or 1-800-641-8256, or send an E-mail to info@sccd.sk.ca.

ACAAFS

SCCD seeking nominations for ACAAFS Advisory Group

The SCCD Board of Directors is seeking nominations from provincial Saskatchewan agriculture and agri-food organizations to become members of the ACAAFS Advisory Group. This group will review ACAAFS funding applications, making funding recommendations to the SCCD Board of Directors.

If you are aware of one or two individual(s) in your industry or organization that may be interested in participating as an ACAAFS Advisory Group member, please provide us with the name(s) and address(es) of the individual(s), along with a brief statement (maximum of one page) outlining their experience. Please include the following information:

- experience in the agriculture and agri-food sector;
- work on other project approval committees;
- length of time involved in your committees/organization;
- office held (if any); and,
- other pertinent information

Advisory Group members should have a comprehensive knowledge about the agriculture and agri-food sector. Travel expenses and honorariums are provided for Advisory Group members.

Deadline for nominations is Friday, January 19 at 4:00 PM. You may fax the information to Laurie Dmytryshyn, Executive Director of SCCD at (306) 975-6850 or email at: dmytryshynl@sccd.sk.ca.

For more information on the ACAAFS program, please [click here](#) to visit the ACAAFS website.

ACAAFS funding assists Super Oats development

Super Oats Canada Ltd., in a strategic alliance with the Crop Development Centre, the Prairie Feed Resource Centre and other groups at the University of Saskatchewan, is in the midst of a three-phase project, funded by the ACAAFS program of SCCD, to bring a revolutionary oat variety to market. Funding for the ACAAFS program is provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

The newly registered variety, CDC SO-1, is the result of a targeted crop development program to create low lignin hull, high oil groat (LLH-HOG) oats for the dairy and feedlot industry.

For the entire article, please [click here](#) to open a PDF version of the January 2007 SCCD newsletter

ACAAFS Funding Update

Since April 1, 2006, ACAAFS has approved funding for **43** projects for a total commitment of **\$1,722,472**.

ACAAFS is a five-year grant program which provides \$3.22 million in funding annually to Saskatchewan projects to position Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector at the leading edge to capture new opportunities.

For a complete list of funded projects, please [click here](#) to go to the ACAAFS Website.

*For ACAAFS application forms, please [click here](#) for a Word version or [click here](#) for a PDF.
For Speaker Sponsorship application forms, please [click here](#) for a Word version or [click here](#) for a PDF.*

VALUE CHAINS

Student assisted business and marketing plans assist agribusiness

Developing effective and strategic marketing plans are challenging tasks for most Saskatchewan agri-food companies. These firms have an opportunity to have a team of upper-year university students assist them in developing business and marketing plans through the Agribusiness Student Business and Marketing Plan Program. Demand for this program is high, and all projects starting in January 2007 have been selected. Applications are now being accepted for September, 2007.

For more information on this program, please [click here](#) to go to the Value Chains Website.

BOPI

First round of biofuels funding goes to four Saskatchewan projects

Four Saskatchewan producer groups received funding for their projects, by the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Council for Community Development Inc. (SCCD) through Saskatchewan's share of the Biofuels Opportunities for Producers Initiative (BOPI). The BOPI, a \$10 million national program announced in July, 2006, is a funding initiative of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC). The SCCD Board of Directors, who received advice and recommendations from the SCCD Biofuels Advisory Group, selected the four projects from a field of 26 applicants.

For the full release, please [click here](#) (opens a PDF document).

CATE

Interest in CATE program soars

After mailing brochures to 55,000 Saskatchewan households about educational funding for farmers, interest has gone “through the roof”.

The brochures, mailed in October, explained how the Canadian Agricultural Skills Service (CASS) Program, a Renewal Program of the Agriculture Policy Framework, is providing funding and support to farmers to ease the pressures of upgrading on and off-farm skills and knowledge. In conjunction with the Centre for Agribusiness Training and Education (CATE) of SCCD, CASS is linking the farmers with education and training opportunities that will provide them with better, upgraded skills and better income potential.

Please [click here](#) to visit the CATE Website

VALUE ADDED PARTNERS

SFPA AGM to be held on March 29

The Saskatchewan Food Processors Association (SFPA) will be holding its Annual General Meeting on March 29th, 2007 at the Western Development Museum in Saskatoon. This year's format has changed from previous years. It will start with a meeting for our Marketplace Vendors at 9:00 AM followed by a complimentary lunch for the SFPA members and Marketplace Vendors. Following lunch we will have a speaker, a brief overview of SFPA operations, and board elections. There will be a \$25 (includes GST) charge for any non-member who would like to attend.

To register or if you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please contact the SFPA office at 683-2410 or [click here](#) to visit the SFPA website.

EVENTS & DATES

January 8-11, 2007: 2007 Western Canadian Crop Production Show – Prairieland Park, Saskatoon. Look for the SCCD booth (Hall A, booth 168), where staff will be able answer all your questions on ACAAFS, BOPI, Value Chains, AIMS, and CATE. For more information, please [click here](#) to go to the Crop Production Show website.

January 12-13, 2007: Saskatchewan Fruit Growers Association Conference - Heritage Inn, Saskatoon. For more information, please contact Charon Blakley at (306) 743-5333 or [click here](#) to visit the SFGA website.

January 26-27, 2007: Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association - 26th Annual Conference. Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon. For more information, please call Judy MacMillan at 382-2333 or [click here](#) to go to the Cattle Feeders website.

February 2-4, 2007: Saskatchewan Young Ag-Entrepreneurs - YES! to Agriculture Conference. Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon. For more information call 1-866-457-2377 or E-mail cstumborg@agr.gov.sk.ca.

February 14-15, 2007: Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association - SSCA 19th Annual Conference: Farming Moving Forward. Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon. For more information, contact the SSCA at 1-800-213-4287 or [click here](#) to visit their website.

March 29, 2007: Saskatchewan Food Processors Association - SFPA Annual General Meeting. To register, please contact the SFPA office at 683-2410 or [click here](#) to visit the SFPA website.

March 7-9, 2007: Ag-CDI Program Conference - Sheraton Hotel, Ottawa. This is an opportunity to share lessons learned and strengthen the base of support for developing biofuel and value-added agricultural co-ops in Canada. For more information, please contact Nicole Boissonneault by E-mail at Nicole.Boissonneault@coopscanada.coop or by telephone at 613-238-6711 ext. 221.

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