



The North Central Extension Risk Management Education Center reminds potential applicants of the pending deadline for the Center's ERME Competitive Grants Program. The program provides potential funding for producer-focused agricultural risk management education projects of up to \$50,000 as well as exploratory projects of up to \$3000. The deadline is drawing near as all applications must be submitted by **Thursday, November 16th at 5:00 Central Time.**

If you are preparing a submission please keep **Section III. B. Qualifying Criteria for Applications** (page 9 in the RFA) in mind and pay close attention to the details of the application content and instructions identified in **Section IV. B – Content of Proposal Submission Package** Numbers 1-14 of the RFA.

#### **B. Qualifying Criteria for Applications**

These are requirements that will result in the elimination of the proposal from consideration for funding if not met. *Applicants disqualified on these grounds will be electronically notified.*

1. Proposals must comply with the proposal submission instructions and requirements set forth in this announcement.
2. Any and all applications that arrive later than 5:00:59 will be disqualified from competition.
3. Proposals must be submitted via the Extension Risk Management online application system through the applicant's regional ERME Center website, except in extenuating circumstances as determined and documented by that Center.
4. Proposals must request \$50,000 or less.

**Please note that if a proposal is missing any of the required parts as listed in the RFA, the application must be disqualified.** The first point identified above includes items such as: each section of the application has been completed; a letter of commitment from each identified project team member and collaborator (no form letters) has been uploaded; a signed ERME Cover Page (SF424) has been uploaded; any sub-award and/or consultant information has been uploaded, and the application follows all other instructions identified in the RFA.

I strongly encourage you to revisit your application prior to submitting it to make sure everything is complete! If you have already submitted an application and want to check to see that all requirements have been met, please contact Christine Lockert at [clockert2@unl.edu](mailto:clockert2@unl.edu). For more information on the funding opportunity and the RFA, please visit our website at <http://ncerme.org>. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you.