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## **Applications Being Accepted for the REDIFIT Grant Program**

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Idaho Transportation Department and Idaho Department of Commerce, has announced that applications now are being accepted for the Idaho Rural Economic Development and Integrated Freight Transportation (REDIFIT) Grant Program.

In addition to the \$5 million revolving loan fund that was established under the REDIFIT legislation, funding assistance is authorized in the form of a matching grant for the specific purpose of planning and developing Intermodal Commerce Authorities. One matching grant (100-percent match) will be awarded annually as funds allow. There is a \$100,000 funding cap on individual grants.

A few examples of projects that could be considered for grant funding are:

- A study to determine the need, support level and feasibility of creating and maintaining a county-based Intermodal Commerce Authority.
- Feasibility studies for projects managed by a county-based Intermodal Commerce Authority that will assist qualified rail lines or intermodal freight shippers to upgrade, expand, rehabilitate, purchase or modernize equipment and facilities for freight-shipping infrastructure.

Proposals will be accepted from individuals, groups, businesses and organizations to determine the need and feasibility of creating a county-based Intermodal Commerce Authority. Proposals should have county-based partnerships and support. Proposals also will be accepted from county-based Intermodal Commerce Authorities for planning and developing qualified rural projects for the development and preservation of intermodal rail and truck services and facilities.

Applications for 2008 are being accepted. The submission deadline is Friday, May 30, 2008. For more information about the grant program, contact Amanda Albers at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture at (208) 332-8678 or e-mail at [aalbers@agri.idaho.gov](mailto:aalbers@agri.idaho.gov). Grant applications and instructions also can be found at [www.agri.idaho.gov](http://www.agri.idaho.gov).



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