

Michigan Aquaculture Development Guide (FY12) Application Proposal

Requested Funding \$.00

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Project Title: Aquaculture in Michigan.

Project Partners: Aquaculture Industry Committee, including Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan Aquaculture Association, and Michigan State University.

Abstract: The Michigan Aquaculture Industry has determined the need for a guide to assist entities in developing, building, processing and marketing an aquaculture operation in Michigan.

Project Purpose: Develop a "How-to-Guide" to assist individuals seeking to develop a new or expanded aquaculture facility. The guide will provide a road map for navigating the necessary regulatory requirements for building and operating an aquaculture facility in Michigan. The guide should include all items listed below with primary emphasis on items #1 - #3.

- 1) Identify existing rules and regulations associated with development, construction, operation, and processing of aquaculture facilities in Michigan. The areas of focus should be food fish, pond stocking/recreational fish, and bait fish.
- 2) Review and summarize the following statutes, rules, and regulations affecting commercial aquaculture in Michigan and develop a guide to assist entities in the development, construction and operation of a new or expanding aquaculture facility:
 - Aquaculture Development Act, P.A. 199 of 1996
 - Michigan Right to Farm Act, P.A. 93 of 1981
 - Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, P.A. 451 of 1994
 - Animal Industry Act, P.A. 466 of 1988
 - Michigan Aquatic Health Policy
 - Other rules and regulations affecting aquaculture facilities in Michigan

- 3) Identification of other applicable rules and regulations limiting growth of the aquaculture industry in Michigan and recommendations for promoting growth.
- 4) Identify available resources to assist individuals in determining industry supply chain requirements, current markets, and market potential for fresh and frozen product.
- 5) Identify resources for the food safety requirements associated with the operation of an aquaculture and processing facility, best management practices and bio-security practices for the industry.

Work Plan: Describe the activities and/or tasks that will be performed to accomplish the purpose of the project and the expected milestones. Clearly state who will conduct the work and why this person or organization was selected. Include appropriate timelines for the proposed milestones of this project with an expected completion on or before July 30, 2012. The Aquaculture Industry Committee will serve as an on-going resource to the grantee for the project. The interim progress reports will consist of meeting with the Aquaculture Industry Committee to present the deliverables achieved to date. All materials developed as part of this agreement will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in Word format upon completion.

Budget Narrative: Include total estimated cost for the project with a breakdown of proposed budget categories. The narrative should include milestones expected to be reached by the end of each period for this grant cycle. Payments will be made upon completion of an interim progress report verifying completion of the milestones, according to the following schedule:

- First Payment January 1, 2012 – February 28, 2012 – 25% of grant award
- Second Payment March 1, 2012 – April 30, 2012 – 25% of grant award
- Third Payment May 1, 2012- June 30, 2012 – 25% of grant award
- Final Payment on or before July 30, 2012 – 25% of grant award

GRANT PROPOSAL CRITERIA:

- The grantee must be a legal entity recognized by the IRS.
- Preference will be given to entities based in Michigan.
- Grant period will be January 1, 2012, through July 30, 2012.
- Proposals should not exceed \$100,000.00.

SUBMISSION CRITERIA:

- Proposals must provide information as indicated above in the work plan. The proposals will be reviewed by a sub-committee of the Aquaculture in Michigan Committee. Selected applicants will then be invited to make a one hour presentation to the entire committee. Selected applicants will be notified by December 13, 2011, of the invitation to make a presentation. The presentations will be scheduled for Friday, December 16, 2012, at Michigan Farm Bureau, 7373 West Saginaw Highway, P.O. Box 30960, Lansing, MI 48909-8460.
- Proposals must be **received** (NOT postmarked) by December 9, 2011, at 5:00 p.m., and will not be accepted if received after the deadline.
- Provide one electronic copy via e-mail as a WORD document and any relevant attachments.

Please send your proposal to:
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