

# RuralCONNECTIONSMONTHLY

A newsletter of the Western Rural Development Center

## CENTER NEWS



If you don't win a gold medal at the Olympics in Sochi, attend the Community Development Extension Institute to learn cutting edge development practices and then take home the gold in these categories:

- > Community Coaching
- > Facilitation
- > Local Government Leadership
- > Evaluation
- > Community Data Profiles
- > Conflict Management
- > Community Visioning
- > Ripple Effects Mapping
- > and more!

The \$199 Early Bird Registration fee is still available. Register today!

[Click here for all of the details.](#)

## WEBINAR

### Energy Efficiency - Retrofits, Incentives, and Renewables

Thursday, February 20 @ 1:00 PM (MST)

Greening Local Government is offering a webinar that will explore the Jackson and Teton County's Energy Conservation Works Program and the new Green Business Program from the Tri-County Green Business Program, Lewis and Clark County, Montana.

This webinar is part of a series designed for local governments, highlighting case studies from communities working towards resource efficiency, energy conservation, and economic savings. The webinars are free and open to the public. All webinars will be held from 1:00 - 2:00 PM (MST) on the third Thursday of each month and will feature 2-3 speakers.

Upcoming webinars include:  
Purchasing and Office Practices  
Transportation Planning  
Water - Conservation and Catchment  
Green Building and Integrated Pest Management

[Register for the webinars.](#)

## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

### State Program Director Community, Natural Resources and Economic Development University of Wisconsin-Extension

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 25, 2014

The University of Wisconsin-Extension is seeking qualified candidates for the position of State Program Director for the Community, Natural Resources and Economic Development (CNRED) Program Area.

The CNRED Program Area is composed of a network of county and campus based Extension educators, specialists and staff who work in Extension programming and a range of community issues. The successful candidate will have a PhD, Ed.D, or J.D. from an accredited university or college in a field relevant to the CNRED program area and qualifications consistent with academic department acceptance and faculty ranking within the University of Wisconsin System.

The State Program Director, in collaboration with the Associate State Program Director, provides administrative leadership in all areas of program operations, program development, evaluation and implementation; external partnership development; development of financial resources and budgetary administration; human resource development and administration; and support of organizational structure and functions.

A complete description of the position, expectations and the mission, vision and values of University of Wisconsin-Extension is available at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/hr/alljobs.cfm>

## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, TRAININGS

### Community Development Extension Institute

Western Rural Development Center

26-28 Feb. 2014

Boise, ID

[Details.](#)



**Women in Agriculture Conference**

Washington State University

15 March 2014

Washington, Oregon, Idaho

[Details.](#)

**Creating Rural Wealth and Enhancing Food Security for Rural America through Innovative Practices**

National Value Added Conference and What Works III Regional Conference

National Press Club

13-15 May 2013

Baltimore, MD

[Details.](#)

**NACDEP 2014 - The Art of Reinvention**

National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals

22-25 June 2014

Grand Rapids, MI

[Details.](#)

**Community Development Society 2014 Conference**

20-23 July 2014

Dubuque, IA

[Details.](#)

**Equity, Democracy, and the Commons: Counter-narratives for Rural Transformation**

Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting

30 July - 3 August 2014

New Orleans, LA

[Details.](#)

**California Naturalist State-Wide Conference**

17-19 October 2014

Pacific Grove, CA

[Details.](#)

## EXTENSION SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT

The Western Rural Development Center hosted the Extension Sustainability Summit in October 2013. It was a resounding success and attendees shared their views on the Summit and the future of sustainability work in Extension in the publication "Extension Sustainability Summit Outcomes and Impacts of the 2013 Summit."

[Read the report.](#)



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