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NEEAP Invites Organizations to Leadership Clinic Design Workshop

The National Environmental Education Advancement Project (NEEAP) is soliciting applications for their upcoming 2004 Leadership Clinic Design Workshop.

The Leadership Clinic Design Workshop is designed to inspire environmental education organizations, partnerships or community interest groups to host conferences that make an immediate difference. Participants will use a new approach and tools for conference, meeting and workshop design to inspire creativity, action and results.

The Leadership Clinic model was developed in 1996 to advance work of environmental educators. "The field of environmental education needed a way for 'change agents' at the state level to make the most of contact time with their peers and resource people," said Abby Ruskey, NEEAP Co-Director, and founder of the Leadership Clinic. "Over the years the Leadership Clinic model has been improved and today we have a 'conference design approach' that participants consistently report is the best professional develop experience of their career," said Ruskey.

The Leadership Clinic Design Workshop is oriented to the principles of community-building and team results and provides the tools and time for participants to create a participate-driven event focusing on networking, planning and professional development .

NEEAP will select 6 teams (of 3-5 individuals) that have plans underway to conduct a clinic in the next two years. These teams can come from national organizations, state groups, or local community partnerships. Each team selected will receive \$3,000 to help cover costs to attend the workshop.

The Leadership Clinic Design Workshop will be held August 21-24, 2004 at the Lied Conference Center in Nebraska City, Nebraska. The Lied Center is a sustainably built and managed hotel and conference center, and has received the American Hotel & Motel Association's Enviro-Management Award (<http://www.liedlodge.org>).

For more information, and to apply for the workshop, visit NEEAP's website at www.uwsp.edu/cnr/neeap. **Application deadline is May 10, 2004.**

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