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INTERNATIONAL AQUACULTURE EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTER
RECIVES MASDBA VALUE-ADDED GRANT

Rolla, MO – June 28, 2004 – International Aquaculture Education and Training Center, Waynesville, is one of six Missouri Enterprise clients to receive a Value-Added Grant from the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority (MASBDA), says Tony Stafford, MASBDA executive director.

The grant will be used to determine the feasibility of establishing a fish market with value added fish products in the Fort Leonard Wood/St. Robert/Waynesville area. Currently, there are no such markets in Pulaski, Miller, Maries or Texas counties. And, secondly, to evaluate the feasibility of producing value-added food fish products from fish grown on feed made from the by products of ethanol production. Missouri Enterprise is assisting the Center on the project.

The Missouri Agriculture and Small Business Development Authority is a bipartisan commission that helps new and expanding agricultural producers finance their operations and add value to their products through a variety of programs, including the Value-Added Grant program.

The other five Missouri Enterprise clients selected to receive Value Added Grants are Delta Fibers, Inc., Caruthersville; S. A. Flick Seed Company, Kingsville; Martin Rice Company, Bernie; Sho-Me Livestock Cooperative, Macon; and Queen City Non-GMO Livestock Feed Producers, Greentop.

Missouri Enterprise is a not-for-profit corporation that provides business and technical assistance to help Missouri companies succeed. It manages a Value-Added Agriculture Program to help Missouri producers, the Manufacturing Extension Partnership in Missouri, an Advanced Manufacturing Specialist Training Program

(funded by a U.S. Department of Labor grant) and one of the state's Innovation Centers.
The company is headquartered in Rolla and has offices in 8 Missouri cities.