



**Good Food Policy Conference in partnership with Chicago Food Policy Advisory Council and advisory committee of community stakeholders**

## **Good Food Policy Conference Request for Proposals**

**Friday, March 25th, 2016**

**UIC Forum – Chicago, IL**

**APPLICATIONS DUE: January 22, 2016**

The Good Food Policy Conference, Chicago IL will bring together public and private stakeholders to discuss food policy issues affecting the production, distribution, and access to local food.

Led by a community based advisory committee, the Good Food Policy Conference Committee seeks applications from organizations, individuals, and governments to present at the event. Sessions should address a policy issue affecting local food. Highest priority will be given to submissions that propose substantive policy changes that will have measurable impacts on-the-ground, as well as those that showcase a range of approaches or practices that are applicable to regional food communities.

Applications are due Friday January 22, 2016, and applicants will be informed by February 8, 2016. Additional information will be requested at that time. If deemed appropriate by the advisory committee, we would appreciate your willingness to collaborate with other groups that may have submitted similar proposals.

The Good Food Policy Conference Committee seeks applications that address the following policy areas:

- **Local food and economic development**
  - a. How can food-focused public private partnerships increase the economic health of communities?
  - b. What local policy changes are needed to promote urban agriculture?
- **Land access for agriculture**
  - a. How can land banks play a role in providing equitable access to land?
  - b. What are strategies used to increase the acreage of local food?
- **Federal food policy at the local level**
  - a. What affect does federal policy have on local efforts?
  - b. Why should we be concerned about federal policy?
- **Local initiatives – local government policy**
  - a. What are local governments doing to support local food?
  - b. How can local governments support local food within current policies?
  - c. What are ways local government can ensure fair labor practices in local food?
- **The regional food system**
  - a. What is the potential for growth of local food in the region?
  - b. What is happening in the region/what's working?
  - c. What have other regions done to encourage food systems planning?
- **Social justice and local food**
  - a. How can human rights best practices be applied to local, regional, and federal food policy?
  - b. How can policy foster an equitable system of shared prosperity in local food?

- c. What economic/legal structures support a just food system? How can these structures be applied to local food policy?
- **Addressing food waste & local initiatives**
  - a. What local initiatives to address food waste are taking place from the household to restaurant and industrial?
  - b. What policies can influence food waste initiatives?
- **Procurement**
  - a. Best practice from local foods procurement policies
  - b. How can we shape Chicago food policy to include better procurement?

**Proposal Application:**

Title of session – (please be creative and descriptive):

List of presenters (please include name, organization/affiliation if applicable, and email address):

Short description of the workshop to be used online (200 character limit):

1) Describe the food policy area your session will address (1000 character limit):

2) Describe how your session will provide insight and possible action on your policy area (1000-character limit):

3) Describe how your project increases the product, distribution, and access to local, sustainably produced food (1000 character limit):

**Advisory Board Members:**

Erika Allen, Growing Power

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