

Rural Utilities Service, USDA

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(b) The Agency may reduce the security requirements discussed in §1738.154(a) to ensure that the security is commensurate with the risk involved.

§ 1738.156 Other Federal requirements.

(a) To receive a broadband loan, the applicant must certify or agree in writing to comply with a variety of Federal regulations including, but not limited to:

(1) The nondiscrimination and equal employment opportunity requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (7 CFR part 15);

(2) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794 *et seq.*; 7 CFR part 15b);

(3) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101 *et seq.*; 45 CFR part 90);

(4) Executive Order 11375, amending Executive Order (E.O.) 11246, Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity (3 CFR, 1966–1970). See 7 CFR parts 15 and 15b and 45 CFR part 90, RUS Bulletin 1790-1 (“Nondiscrimination Among Beneficiaries of RUS Programs”), and RUS Bulletin 20-15:320-15 (“Equal Employment Opportunity in Construction Financed with RUS Loans”);

(5) The Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4151 *et seq.*);

(6) The Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) (Appendix A to 41 CFR subpart 101-19.6);

(7) The requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended;

(8) The Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA and certain related Federal environmental laws, statutes, regulations, and Executive Orders found in 7 CFR part 1794;

(9) The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4601 *et seq.*, and with implementing Federal regulations in 49 CFR part 24 and 7 CFR part 21;

(10) The regulations implementing E.O. 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 7 CFR 3017.510, Participants’ Responsibilities;

(11) The requirements regarding Lobbying for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and

Cooperative Agreements in 31 U.S.C. 1352;

(12) Certification regarding Flood Hazard Area Precautions;

(13) Certification regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters—Primary Covered Transactions; and

(14) Certification that the borrower is not delinquent on any Federal debt and has been informed of the collection options the Federal Government may use to collect delinquent debt.

(b) Applicants must agree in writing to comply with all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, and orders applicable to the project.

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Subpart E—Application Review and Underwriting

§ 1738.201 Application submission.

(a) Loan applications must be submitted directly to the Agency’s National Office or to the General Field Representative (GFR) that is assigned to the area where the applicant’s headquarters are located. A list of GFRs and the areas they are assigned can be found on the Agency’s Web site. All applications must contain two hard copies and an electronic copy of the entire application. An application is considered received upon receipt of the hard and electronic copies by the National Office. The date and time of that receipt will establish the application’s placement in the processing queue.

(b) The Agency may publish additional application submission requirements in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

§ 1738.202 Elements of a complete application.

An applicant must submit to the Agency a complete application in a format as required by the Agency in the Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program Application Guide (the Application Guide). To be considered complete, the application must contain at least the following items, each of which must be completed in a manner acceptable to the Agency: