

Regulations provides details on what information must be contained in the preapplication package.

The RTDG program is authorized by section 310B(f) through (h) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932). The primary objective of the program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas. The RTDG program will achieve this objective by supporting the creation or enhancement of institutions capable of promoting the development and commercialization of new services, products, processes, and enterprises. RBCDS encourages applications for projects that emphasize the creation of local capacity to promote economic development that is sustainable over the long term through local effort. The economic development should lead to improvements in the quality as well as the quantity of economic activity in the community and should be based on the application of new and existing technologies. Grants may be used to pay up to 75 percent of the cost of the project and administrative costs; the applicant must contribute at least 25 percent.

RTDG grants are competitive and will be awarded to nonprofit institutions and public bodies based on specific selection criteria, as required by legislation and set forth in 7 CFR part 4284-F. Project selection will be given to those projects that contribute the most to the improvement of economic conditions in rural areas.

Preference will be given to those projects that will create industries or agribusinesses where few exist, increase employment where unemployment is high, stem the flow of out migration of people, businesses and industries, and increase the level of per capita income where such income is low. Applicants must provide data to support these criteria. The information submitted should provide an accurate picture of the economic conditions of the rural areas to be served. The Agency will use the information provided to select the best projects for funding. Part 4284 of title 7 to the Code of Federal Regulations contains general information on the selection criteria.

As consistent with the regulatory selection procedures, RBCDS desires to fund projects from FY 1995 funds that promote one or more of the following policies:

1. Projects that assist rural communities and businesses that are experiencing erosion in their economic base. A critical need exists for actions leading to long-term enhancements in the ability of communities and businesses to adjust to changed

conditions in a smooth manner and to achieve, over the long term, improvements in the quality of community life and the competitiveness and profitability of businesses.

The proposed activity should result in economic activity that is sustainable by the community over the long term through local actions (without the need for continued subsidies by governments or nongovernmental organizations). The project should lead to improvements in the quality of economic activity within the community, as evidenced by employment leading to higher wages, improved benefits, greater career potential, and the use of higher levels of skills than currently are typical within the local economy.

2. Projects that assist rural communities that have remained persistently poor. A critical need exists for actions to develop and implement broad strategies to create new sources of economic activity in these communities, and to promote development of human resources within the community, including organizational development, entrepreneurship, and workforce training.

3. Projects that assist rural communities and businesses in areas that have experienced long-term population decline and job deterioration. A critical need exists for the broadened application of new technologies to develop business opportunities in remote rural locations. This can be accomplished, for example, by creating new products or services that are related to the traditional industrial base or that use locally-available natural resources, or by developing new methods of conducting business from remote locations through the applications of telecommunications technology or other business methods.

RBCDS encourages applications for projects that have the following characteristics:

1. The proposed use of funds should have a catalytic impact on the local economy by providing support for a critical element of a larger program of economic development by leveraging major additional investments from other contributors, or by enhancing the quality of the design of the project or the capacity of the community to implement it successfully.

2. The proposed project should use exemplary methods or practices of rural community and economic development that have potential applicability in a wide range of areas.

3. The proposed activity should be consistent with local and areawide strategic plans for community and economic development and be a part of

a broader program of community development activity that involves partnerships with other local organizations and other organizations providing support to the community. It must be jointly assisted by resources from other local, State, Federal or private resources.

4. The proposed activity should be representative of and serve a diverse population of economic and social groups within the community, and the planning and project development should involve active participation by a diverse range of community residents.

#### 1995 Application Submission

Due to the short application period for FY 1995 funds, qualified applicants should begin the preapplication process as soon as possible. Preapplications must include a clear statement of the goal(s) and objective(s) of the project and a plan which describes the proposed project as required by the statute and 7 CFR part 4284-F. Each application received in the State Office will be reviewed for eligibility.

All eligible applications will be referred to the National Office for scoring and selection for award. The State Director or his/her designee will provide comments on each application forwarded to the National Office documenting whether the proposal promotes any of the policies set forth in this issuance. Any other comments helpful to the National Office's review are also welcome. The National Office will provide funds for projects based on the grant selection criteria set forth in 7 CFR part 4284-F and the availability of funds. Grants will be selected for award by May 25, 1995. No grants may be awarded after July 13, 1995 under the authority of 7 CFR part 4284-F. Successful applicants will be notified by the RECD State Office or the RBCDS National Office.

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#### COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

##### Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the California Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the California Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene on Friday, March 17, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. and

adjourn at 5:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-Marine World, 1000 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo, California 94589. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a public forum to discuss civil rights issues in Vallejo, California.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Michael Carney, 213-580-7900, or Philip Montez, Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-0508). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, February 10, 1995.

**Carol-Lee Hurley,**

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#### **Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Tennessee Advisory Committee**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Tennessee Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:00 p.m. and recess at 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 15, 1995, at the Days Inn-Vanderbilt, West End Room, 1800 West End Avenue, in Nashville. The purpose of the session is to discuss civil rights progress and/or problems in the State and review the draft report on racial tensions in Tennessee. The meeting will reconvene on Thursday, March 16, at 10:30 a.m., and adjourn at 5:00 p.m., at Tennessee State University, Williams Campus, 330 Tenth Avenue, North, Room 354, Nashville, Tennessee 37203. The purpose of the meeting on March 16 is to review a planned project on enforcement in Tennessee of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and to hold a roundtable discussion with guests on that topic.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Bobby D. Doctor, Director of the Southern Regional Office, 404-730-2476 (TDD 404-730-2481). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working

days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

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#### **Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Washington State Advisory Committee**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Washington State Advisory Committee to the Commission will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 1995, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Sixth Avenue Inn, 2000 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98121. The purpose of the meeting is to review current civil rights developments in the State and plan future project activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson William Wassmuth, 206-233-9136, or Philip Montez, Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-0508). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

#### **Bureau of Export Administration**

#### **Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting**

A meeting of the Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee will be held March 16, 1995, 9:00 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,

Washington, D.C. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on implementation of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and provides for continuing review to update the EAR as needed.

#### **Agenda**

##### *General Session*

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of Papers or Comments by the Public.
3. Reports from Working Groups.
4. Update on Export Administration.
5. Report on Regulations Reform.
6. Discussion on Automated Export System.
7. Presentation on European Union export control regulations.

##### *Executive Session*

8. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12356, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

The General Session of the meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate the distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials two weeks prior to the meeting date to the following address; Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, TAC Unit/OAS/EA, Room 3886C, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 22, 1994, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. For further information, call Lee Ann Carpenter at (202) 482-2583.