

bridges, including superstructures and substructures, which will present the knowledge, skills, and tools needed by bridge personnel to complete an effective inspection of timber bridges. Total estimated cost of the research: \$72,500; estimated Federal funding: \$58,000.

(d) Problem Area IV: Moisture Protection for Timber Members: To develop, refine, and/or evaluate a variety of coatings and coverings for protecting bridge members from moisture. Total estimated cost of the research: \$43,750; estimated Federal funding: \$35,000.

For additional information, contact John G. Bachhuber, USDA, Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory, One Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, WI 53705-2398.

### Proposal Preparation

#### Application Materials

An Application Kit and a copy of this solicitation will be made available upon request. The kit contains detailed information on each Problem Area, required forms, certifications, and instructions for preparing and submitting agreement applications. Copies of the Application Kit and this solicitation may be requested from: Joanne M. Bosch, Grants and Agreements, USDA, Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory, One Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, WI 53705-2398, Telephone Number (608) 231-9205.

### Proposal Submission

#### What to Submit

An original and five copies of a proposal must be submitted. Each copy of each proposal must be stapled securely in the upper left-hand corner (Do not bind). All copies of the proposal must be submitted in one package.

#### Where and When to Submit

Proposals must be received by the Grants, Agreements, and Licensing Officer by 2 p.m. June 2, 1995, and should be sent or delivered to the following address: Grants, Agreements, and Licensing Officer, USDA, Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory, One Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, WI 53705-2398, Telephone (608) 231-9282.

### Proposal Review, Evaluation, and Disposition

#### Proposal Review

All proposals received will be acknowledged. Prior to technical examination, a preliminary review will be made for responsiveness to this solicitation. Proposals that do not fall

within solicitation guidelines will be eliminated from competition; one copy will be returned to the applicant and the remainder will be destroyed. All accepted proposals will be reviewed by the Grants, Agreements, and Licensing Officer, qualified officers or employees of the Department, and by peer panel(s) of scientists or others who are recognized specialists in the areas covered by the proposals. Peer panels will be selected and organized to provide maximum expertise and objective judgment in the evaluation of proposals.

#### Evaluation Criteria

The peer review panel(s) will take into account the following criteria in carrying out its review of responsive proposals submitted:

- (a) Scientific merit of proposal.
  - (1) Conceptual adequacy of hypothesis;
  - (2) Clarity and delineation of objectives;
  - (3) Adequacy of the description of the undertaking and suitability and feasibility of methodology;
  - (4) Demonstration of feasibility through preliminary data;
  - (5) Probability of success of project;
  - (6) Novelty, uniqueness, and originality.
- (b) Qualifications of proposed project personnel and adequacy of facilities.
  - (1) Training and demonstrated awareness of previous and alternative approaches to the problem identified in the proposal and performance record and/or potential for future accomplishments;
  - (2) Time allocated for specific attainment of objectives;
  - (3) Institutional experience and competence in subject area; and
  - (4) Adequacy of available or obtainable support personnel, facilities, and instrumentation.

#### Proposal Disposition

When the peer review panel(s) has completed its deliberations, the USDA program staff, based on the recommendations of the peer review panel(s), will recommend to the Awarding Official that the project be (a) approved for support from currently available funds or (b) declined due to insufficient funds or unfavorable review.

USDA reserves the right to negotiate with the Principal Investigator and/or the submitting entity regarding project revisions (e.g., reduction in scope of work), funding level, or period of support prior to recommending any project for funding.

A proposal may be withdrawn at any time before a final funding decision is

made. One copy of each proposal that is not selected for funding (including those that are withdrawn) will be retained by USDA for one year, and remaining copies will be destroyed.

### Supplementary Information

#### Grant Awards

Within the limit of funds available for such purpose, the awarding official shall make awards to those responsible eligible applicants whose proposals are judged most meritorious under the evaluation criteria and procedures set forth in this solicitation and application guidelines.

The date specified by the awarding officials as the beginning of the project period shall not be later than September 1, 1995.

All funds awarded shall be expended only for the purpose for which the funds are awarded in accordance with the approved application and budget, the terms and conditions of any resulting award, and the applicable Federal cost principles.

#### Obligation of the Federal Government

Neither the approval of any application nor the award of any Research Joint Venture Agreement commits or obligates the United States in any way to provide further support of a project or an portion thereof.

#### Other Conditions

The FPL may, with respect to any class of awards, impose additional conditions prior to or at the time of any award, when in the FPL's judgment, such conditions are necessary to assure or protect advancement of the approved project, the interests of the public, or the conservation of Research Joint Venture Agreement funds.

Done at Madison, WI, on March 13, 1995.

**Susan L. LeVan,**

*Acting Director.*

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### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### East Wenatchee Watershed, Washington; Notice

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of deauthorization of federal funding.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 83-566, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR 622), the Natural

Resources Conservation Service gives notice of the deauthorization of Federal funding for the East Wenatchee Watershed project, Douglas County, Washington, effective on February 10, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynn A. Brown, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, W. 316 Boone Avenue, Suite #450, Spokane, Washington 99201-2348, telephone: (509) 353-2337.

Dated: March 13, 1995.

**Lynn A. Brown,**  
State Conservationist.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention. Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-95 regarding State and local clearinghouse review of Federal and federally assisted programs and projects is applicable.)

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**Rural Utilities Service**

**Municipal Interest Rates for Second Quarter of 1995**

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of municipal interest rates on advances from insured electric loans for the second quarter of 1995.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service hereby announces the interest rates for advances on municipal rate loans with interest rate terms beginning during the second calendar quarter of 1995.

**DATES:** These interest rates are effective for interest rate terms that commence during the period beginning April 1, 1995, and ending June 30, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick Shea, Financial Analyst, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, room 2230-s, 14th Street & Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-1500. Telephone: 202-720-0736. FAX: 202-720-4120.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) hereby announces the interest rates on advances made during the second calendar quarter of 1995 for municipal rate electric loans. Pursuant regulations originally published by the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) at 7 CFR 1714.5, the interest rates on advances from municipal rate loans are based on indexes published in the "Bond Buyer" for the four weeks prior to the first Friday of the last month before the beginning of the quarter.

The Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture

Reorganization Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-354, 101 Stat. 3178), signed by President Clinton on October 13, 1994, provides for the establishment of RUS as successor to REA with respect to various programs, including the electric loan program established by the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*). On October 20, 1994, the Secretary of Agriculture issued the Secretary's Memorandum 1010-1, establishing RUS and abolishing REA. Therefore, RUS is publishing this notice implementing a rule originally published by REA.

In accordance with 7 CFR 1714.5, the interest rates are established as shown in the following table for all interest rate terms that begin at any time during the second calendar quarter of 1995.

Interest rate term ends in (year)	Interest rate (0.000 percent)
2016 or later .....	6.000
2015 .....	6.000
2014 .....	6.000
2013 .....	6.000
2012 .....	6.000
2011 .....	5.875
2010 .....	5.875
2009 .....	5.750
2008 .....	5.750
2007 .....	5.625
2006 .....	5.500
2005 .....	5.500
2004 .....	5.375
2003 .....	5.375
2002 .....	5.375
2001 .....	5.250
2000 .....	5.125
1999 .....	5.125
1998 .....	5.000
1997 .....	4.875
1996 .....	4.625

Dated: March 13, 1995.

**Wally Beyer,**  
Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Bureau of Export Administration**

**Materials Processing Equipment Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Closed Meeting**

A meeting of the Materials Processing Equipment Technical Advisory Committee will be held April 18, 1995, 9:00 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 1617M(2), 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical

questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to materials processing and related technology.

The Committee will meet only in Executive Session to discuss matters properly classified under Executive Order 12356, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on January 6, 1994, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series 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, D.C. 20230. For further information, contact Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: March 17, 1995.

**Lee Ann Carpenter,**  
Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.  
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**Minority Business Development Agency**

**Business Development Center Applications: San Francisco/Oakland**

**AGENCY:** Minority Business Development Agency.

**ACTION:** Correction.

**SUMMARY:** On page 12738, in the issue dated Wednesday, March 8, 1995, solicitation for the operation of the Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) is corrected to read, "San Francisco/Oakland".

The MBDC will provide service in the San Francisco/Oakland, California Metropolitan Area. The award number of the MBDC will be 09-10-95015-01.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Saho at (415) 744-3001.

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