

estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comments

All comments received in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 10, 1997.

David G. Unger,
Associate Chief.

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Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute, Board of Directors, Pacific Northwest Research Station, Oregon

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute (BMNRI) Board of Directors will meet on March 11, 1997, at Oregon Department of Transportation Conference Room, 3012 Island Avenue, La Grande, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered will include: (1) Program status; (2) research results of specific projects; (3) outreach activities; (4) identification of issues of interest; (5) budget and plan of work; (6) report on Initiatives; (7) presentation on Oregon Initiatives in natural resources; (8) public comments. All BMNRI Board Meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation at the meeting should contact Larry Hartmann, BMNRI, 1401 Gekeler Lane, La Grande, Oregon 97850, 541-962-6537, no later than March 7, 1997, to have time reserved on the agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Larry Hartmann, Manager, BMNRI, 1401 Gekeler Lane, La Grande, Oregon 97850, 541-962-6537.

Dated: February 3, 1997.

Larry Hartmann,
Manager.

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Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Inviting Preapplications for Technical Assistance for Rural Transportation Systems

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), an Agency within the Rural Development mission area, announces the availability of \$500,000 in competing Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) funds for fiscal year (FY) 1997 specifically for technical assistance for rural transportation systems. The funds are designed to assist private nonprofit corporations serving rural areas in providing technical assistance, for planning and developing transportation systems, and for training for rural communities needing improved passenger transportation systems or facilities in order to promote economic development through a link between transportation and economic development initiatives. The RBEG program is administered on behalf of RBS at the State level by the Rural Development State Offices.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of a preapplication in the Rural Development State Office is May 1, 1997. Preapplications received after that date will not be considered for FY 1997 funding.

ADDRESSES: Entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact the Rural Development State Offices to receive further information and copies of the preapplication package. A list of State Offices follows:

State Director, Rural Development,
Sterling Center Suite 601, 4121
Carmichael Road, Montgomery, AL
36106-3683, (332) 279-3400
State Director, Rural Development, 800
West Evergreen, Suite 201, Palmer,
AK 99645, (907) 745-2176
State Director, Rural Development, 3003
North Central Avenue, Suite 900,
Phoenix, AZ 85012, (602) 280-8700
State Director, Rural Development, 700
West Capitol, P. O. Box 2778, Little
Rock, AR 72203, (501) 324-6281
State Director, Rural Development, 194
West Main Street, Suite F, Woodland,
CA 95695-2915, (916) 668-2000
State Director, Rural Development, 655
Parfet Street, Room E 100, Lakewood,
CO 80215, (303) 236-2801
State Director, Rural Development,
(Delaware and Maryland), 5201 South
Dupont Highway, P. O. Box 400,
Camden, DE 19934-9998, (302) 697-
4300

State Director, Rural Development, 4440
NW 25th Place, P. O. Box 147010,
Gainesville, FL 32614-7010, (352)
338-3400

State Director, Rural Development,
Stephens Federal Building, 355 E
Hancock Avenue, Athens, GA 30601,
(706) 546-2162

State Director, Rural Development,
Federal Building, Room 311, 154
Waiianuenue Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720,
(808) 933-3000

State Director, Rural Development, 3232
Elder Street, Boise, ID 83705, (208)
378-5600

State Director, Rural Development, Illini
Plaza, Suite 103, 1817 South Neil
Street, Champaign, IL 61820, (217)
398-5235

State Director, Rural Development, 5975
Lakeside Blvd, Indianapolis, IN
46278, (317) 290-3100

State Director, Rural Development,
Federal Building, Rm 873, 210 Walnut
Street, Des Moines, IA 50309, (515)
284-4663

State Director, Rural Development, 1200
SW Executive Drive, P.O. Box 4653,
Topeka, KS 66604, (913) 271-2700

State Director, Rural Development, 771
Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Lexington,
KY 40503, (606) 224-7300

State Director, Rural Development, 3727
Government Street, Alexandria, LA
71302, (318) 473-7920

State Director, Rural Development, 444
Stillwater Avenue, Suite 2, P.O. Box
405, Bangor, ME 04402-0405, (207)
990-9106

State Director, Rural Development,
(Massachusetts, Rhode Island,
Connecticut), 451 West Street,
Amherst, MA 01002, (413) 253-4300

State Director, Rural Development, 3001
Coolidge Road, Suite 200, East
Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 337-6635

State Director, Rural Development, 410
Agri Bank Building, 375 Jackson
Street, St Paul, MN 55101, (612) 290-
3842

State Director, Rural Development,
Federal Building, Suite 831, 100 W
Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39269,
(601) 965-4316

State Director, Rural Development, 601
Business Loop 70 West, Parkade
Center, Suite 235, Columbia, MO
65203, (573) 876-0976

State Director, Rural Development, 900
Technology Blvd., Unit 1, Suite B,
P.O. Box 850, Bozeman, MT 59715,
(406) 585-2580

State Director, Rural Development,
Federal Building, Room 308, 100
Centennial Mall N, Lincoln, NE
68508, (402) 437-5551

State Director, Rural Development, 1390
South Curry Street, Carson City, NV
89703-5405, (702) 887-1222