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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application filing deadline.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces the deadline for submitting applications for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant program for fiscal year (FY) 1998 funding.

**DATES:** Applications for loans to be considered for FY 1998 funding must be postmarked no later than August 14, 1998, and applications for grants and combination loans and grants to be considered for FY 1998 funding must be postmarked no later than June 1, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications are to be submitted to the Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 1590, Washington, DC 20250-1590. Applications should be marked "Attention: Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program".

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken B. Chandler, Acting Assistant Administrator-Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, STOP 1590, Room 4056, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1590. Telephone (202) 720-9554, Facsimile (202) 720-0810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For FY 1998, \$12.5 million in grants and \$150 million in loans will be made available for distance learning and telemedicine projects. Notice is hereby given that under 7 CFR 1703.108, RUS has determined the maximum amount of an application for a grant that will be considered for funding in FY 1998 as \$350,000, and the maximum amount for

a loan that will be considered for funding in FY 1998 as \$6,000,000.

Further, in accordance with 7 CFR 1703.113, RUS has determined that for FY 1998 the minimum number of points required for a loan application to be immediately processed is 94 points. Only completed loan applications meeting the minimum points requirement and determined by RUS to be feasible will be immediately processed.

Applications for financial assistance must be submitted in accordance with 7 CFR 1703, Subpart D, which establishes the policies and procedures for submitting an application for financial assistance. This document is available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/dlt/dlml.htm>.

In addition, a new Application Guide to assist applicants in the preparation of applications for financing will be available shortly, at the same Internet address as above. Application guides may also be requested from RUS by contacting one of the following Area Offices:

Northeast Area, USDA-RUS, Phone: (202) 720-0715

Southeast Area, USDA-RUS, Phone: (202) 690-4673

Northwest Area, USDA-RUS, Phone: (202) 720-1025

Southwest Area, USDA-RUS, Phone: (202) 720-0800

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**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. et seq. and 950aaa et seq.; Pub. L. 103-354, 108 Stat. 3178 (7 U.S.C. 6941 et seq.).

**Wally Beyer,**

*Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Oklahoma 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 Oklahoma Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 6:00 p.m. and adjourn at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 1998, at the Clarion Hotel/Comfort Inn Conference Center, 4345 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. The purpose of the meeting is to plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Melvin L. Jenkins, Director of the Central Regional Office, 913-551-1400 (TDD 913-551-1414). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) 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, January 16, 1998.

**Carol-Lee Hurley,**

*Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### National Employers Survey (NES)—Follow-up

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 27, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental