

Place: DoubleTree Hotel-Lloyd Center, 1000 N.E. Multnomah, Portland, Oregon.

Time: 8:00 am–5:00 pm on May 16 and 8:00 am–11:30 am on May 17, 2000.

Purpose: To provide advice to the Administrator of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) with respect to the implementation of the U.S. Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*).

The agenda includes a review and discussion of GIPSA's financial status, reauthorization, biotechnology, research and information technology strategies, and other related issues concerning the delivery of grain inspection and weighing services to American agriculture.

Public participation will be limited to written statements, unless permission is received from the Committee Chairman to orally address the Committee. Persons, other than members, who wish to address the Committee or submit written statements before or after the meeting, should contact the Administrator, GIPSA, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 3601, Washington, DC 20250–3601, telephone (202) 720–0219 or FAX (202) 205–9237.

The meeting will be open to the public. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication of program information or related accommodation should contact Marianne Plaus, telephone (202) 690–3460 or FAX (202) 205–9237.

Dated: April 19, 2000.

James R. Baker,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Inviting Preapplications for Rural Cooperative Development Grants

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) announces the availability of approximately \$4 million in competitive Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) funds for fiscal year (FY) 2000. Of this amount, \$1.5 million will be reserved for preapplications whose focus is on assistance to small, minority producers through their cooperative businesses. The intended effect of this notice is to solicit preapplications for FY 2000 and award grants before September 1, 2000.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of a preapplication is June 2, 2000. Preapplications received after that date will not be considered. Preapplications

should be sent to the State Rural Development Offices (see attached list for addresses).

ADDRESSES: Entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact their USDA Rural Development State office to receive further information and copies of the preapplication package.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James E. Haskell, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Cooperative Services, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 3250, Room 4016, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–3250. Telephone (202) 720–8460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Rural Technology and Cooperative Development Grants (RTCDG) program is authorized by section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932) and regulations are contained in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart F. The primary objective of the RCDG program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. The program is administered through USDA Rural Development State offices acting on behalf of RBS.

Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education based on specific selection criteria. The priorities described in this paragraph will be used by RBS to rate preapplications. RBS review of preapplications will include the complete preapplication package submitted to the Rural Development State office. Points will be distributed according to ranking with other preapplications.

(a) Priority will be given to applications that:

(1) Demonstrate a proven track record in administering a nationally coordinated or regionally or State-wide operated project;

(2) Demonstrate previous expertise in providing technical assistance to cooperatives in rural areas;

(3) Demonstrate the ability to assist in the retention of business, facilitate the establishment of cooperatives and new cooperative approaches, or generate employment opportunities that will improve the economic conditions of rural areas;

(4) Demonstrate the ability to create horizontal linkages among cooperative businesses within and among various sectors in rural areas of the United States and vertical linkages to domestic and international markets;

(5) Provide technical assistance and other services to underserved and

economically distressed rural areas of the United States;

(6) Commit to providing greater than a 25 percent matching contribution with private funds and in-kind contributions;

(7) Evidence transferability or demonstration value to assist rural areas outside of project area; and

(8) Demonstrate that any cooperative development activity is consistent with positive environmental stewardship.

Fiscal Year 2000 Preapplication Submission

Preapplications must include a clear statement of the goals and objectives of the project and a plan which describes the proposed project as required by the statute and 7 CFR part 4284, subpart F. Each preapplication received in the State office will be reviewed to determine if the preapplication is consistent with the eligible purposes outlined in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart F. Preapplications without supportive data to address selection criteria will not be considered. Also, since the cooperative center concept is to provide a wide range of technical assistance services, including feasibility analysis, to all cooperatives or potential cooperatives within the project area, preapplications that focus on a single cooperative will not be considered. Copies of 7 CFR part 4284, subpart F, will be provided to any interested applicant by making a request to the Rural Development State office or RBS National office.

Preapplications must be completed and submitted to the State Rural Development office as soon as possible, but no later than June 2, 2000. Preapplications received after June 2 will not be considered.

Preapplications must contain the documentation delineated in 7 CFR 4284.528. For ease of locating information, please include in each preapplication information as follows:

(a) A detailed Table of Contents containing page numbers for each component of the preapplication.

(b) A project summary of 250 words or less on a separate page. This page should include the title of the project and the names of the primary project contacts and the applicant organization, followed by the summary. The summary should be self-contained and should describe the overall goals, relevance of the project, and a listing of all organizations involved in the project. The project summary should immediately follow the Table of Contents.

(c) A separate one-page information sheet which lists each of the eight evaluation criteria followed by the page

numbers of all relevant material and documentation contained in the preapplication which supports that criteria. This page should immediately follow the project summary; and

(d) For applicants who have received funding under the Rural Cooperative Development Grant program in FY 1997, FY 1998, or FY 1999 a summation, not to exceed three pages, of progress and results for all projects funded fully or partially by the RCDG program in those years, including the status of cooperative businesses organized and all eligible grant purpose activities listed under 7 CFR 4284.515.

The National office will score applications based only on the grant selection criteria contained in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart F and listed above, and will select awardees subject to the availability of funds and the awardee's satisfactory submission of a formal application and related materials in accordance with subpart F. Entities submitting preapplications that are selected for award will be invited by the State office to submit a formal application prior to September 1. It is anticipated that grant awardees will be selected by September 1, 2000.

Dated: April 17, 2000.

Dayton Watkins,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Services.

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development State Offices (Revised 00/04/19)

ALABAMA

USDA Rural Development State Office
Sterling Center, Suite 601
4121 Carmichael Road
Montgomery, AL 36106-3683

ALASKA

USDA Rural Development State Office
800 West Evergreen, Suite 201
Palmer, AK 99645-6539

ARIZONA

USDA Rural Development State Office
3003 North Central Avenue, Suite 900
Phoenix, AZ 85012-2906

ARKANSAS

USDA Rural Development State Office
700 West Capitol Ave., Room 3416
Little Rock, AR 72201-3225

CALIFORNIA

USDA Rural Development State Office
430 G Street, Agency 4169
Davis, CA 95616-4169

COLORADO

USDA Rural Development State Office
655 Parfet Street, Room E-100
Lakewood, CO 80215

DELAWARE-MARYLAND

USDA Rural Development State Office
4607 South Dupont Hwy

P.O. Box 400
Camden, DE 19934-9998

GEORGIA

USDA Rural Development State Office
Stephens Federal Building
355 E. Hancock Avenue
Athens, GA 30601-2768

HAWAII

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Room 311
154 Waiuanuenue Avenue
Hilo, HI 96720

IDAHO

USDA Rural Development State Office
9173 West Barnes Dr., Suite A1
Boise, ID 83709

ILLINOIS

USDA Rural Development State Office
Illini Plaza, Suite 103
1817 South Neil Street
Champaign, IL 61820

INDIANA

USDA Rural Development State Office
5975 Lakeside Boulevard
Indianapolis, IN 46278

IOWA

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Room 873
210 Walnut Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

KANSAS

USDA Rural Development State Office
1200 SW Executive Drive
P.O. Box 4653
Topeka, KS 66615

LOUISIANA

USDA Rural Development State Office
3727 Government Street
Alexandria, LA 71302

MAINE

USDA Rural Development State Office
444 Stillwater Avenue, Suite 2
P.O. Box 405
Bangor, ME 04402-0405

MASS/RI/CONN

USDA Rural Development State Office
451 West Street
Amherst, MA 01002

MICHIGAN

USDA Rural Development State Office
3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 200
East Lansing, MI 48823

MINNESOTA

USDA Rural Development State Office
410 AgriBank Building
375 Jackson Street
St. Paul, MN 55101-1853

MISSISSIPPI

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Suite 831
100 West Capitol Street
Jackson, MS 39269

MISSOURI

USDA Rural Development State Office

601 Business Loop 70 West
Parkade Center, Suite 235
Columbia, MO 65203

FLORIDA/VI

USDA Rural Development State Office
4440 NW 25th Place
P.O. Box 147010
Gainesville, FL 32614-7010

NEBRASKA

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Room 152
100 Centennial Mall N
Lincoln, NE 68508

NEVADA

USDA Rural Development State Office
1390 South Curry Street
Carson City, NV 89703-9910

NEW JERSEY

USDA Rural Development State Office
Transfield Plaza, Suite 22
790 Woodlane Road
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060

NEW MEXICO

USDA Rural Development State Office
6200 Jefferson Street NE, Room 255
Albuquerque, NM 87109

NEW YORK

USDA Rural Development State Office
The Galleries of Syracuse
441 South Salina Street Suite 357
Syracuse, NY 13202-2541

NORTH CAROLINA

USDA Rural Development State Office
4405 Bland Road, Suite 260
Raleigh, NC 27609

KENTUCKY

USDA Rural Development State Office
771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200
Lexington, KY 40503

OKLAHOMA

USDA Rural Development State Office
100 USDA, Suite 108
Stillwater, OK 74074-2654

OREGON

USDA Rural Development State Office
101 SW Main Street, Suite 1410
Portland, OR 97204-3222

PENNSYLVANIA

USDA Rural Development State Office
One Credit Union Place, Suite 330
Harrisburg, PA 17110-2996

PUERTO RICO

USDA Rural Development State Office
New San Juan Office Building, Rm. 501
159 Carlos E. Chardon Street
Hato Rey, PR 00918-5481

SOUTH CAROLINA

USDA Rural Development State Office
Strom Thurmond Federal Building
1835 Assembly Street, Room 1007
Columbia, SC 29201

SOUTH DAKOTA

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Room 210

200 4th Street SW
Huron, SD 57350

MONTANA

USDA Rural Development State Office
Unit 1, Suite B
P.O. Box 850
900 Technology Boulevard
Bozeman, MT 59715

UTAH

USDA Rural Development State Office
Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building
125 South State Street, Room 4311
P.O. Box 11350
Salt Lake City, UT 84147-0350

VERMONT/NH

USDA Rural Development State Office
City Center, 3rd Floor, 89 Main Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

VIRGINIA

USDA Rural Development State Office
Culpeper Building, Suite 238
1606 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA 23229

WASHINGTON

USDA Rural Development State Office
1835 Blacklake Boulevard, SW,
Suite B
Olympia, WA 98512-5715

WEST VIRGINIA

USDA Rural Development State Office
75 High Street, Room 320
Morgantown, WV 26505-7500

WISCONSIN

USDA Rural Development State Office
4949 Kirschling Court
Stevens Point, WI 54481

NORTH DAKOTA

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Room 208
220 East Rosser, P.O. Box 1737
Bismarck, ND 58502-1737

OHIO

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Room 507
200 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-2477

TENNESSEE

USDA Rural Development State Office
3322 West End Avenue, Suite 300
Nashville, TN 37203-1084

TEXAS

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Suite 102
101 South Main
Temple, TX 76501

WYOMING

USDA Rural Development State Office
100 East B, Federal Building, Rm 1005
P.O. Box 820
Casper, WY 82602

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of New Privacy Act System of Records: Commerce/Patent and Trademark System 15: Maintenance of Invention Promoter Complaints.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is creating a new system of records listed under Commerce-Patent and Trademark Systems: Maintenance of Invention Promoter Complaints. We invite public comment on the system announced in this publication.

DATES: Effective Date: The system will become effective without further notice on May 25, 2000 unless comments dictate otherwise.

Comment Date: To be considered, written comments must be submitted on or before May 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent via United States Mail delivery to Marshall Honeyman or Raymond Chen, Office of the Solicitor, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Box 8, Washington, DC 20231; via facsimile at 703-305-9373. All comments received will be available for public inspection at the Public Search Facilities, Crystal Plaza 3, 2021 South Clark Place, Arlington, VA 22202.

For further information contact: Marshall Honeyman, Office of the Solicitor, Box 8, Washington, DC 20231, or by phone at 703-305-9035.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the implementation of the Inventors' Rights Act of 1999, Pub. L. 106-113, section 4001 (to be codified at 35 U.S.C. 297), the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office) is required to make complaints received by the Office involving invention promoters publicly available, together with any response of the invention promoters. A new system of records is being created by the Office to maintain these complaints and responses.

The Department of Commerce finds no probable or potential effect of the proposal on the privacy of individuals. To minimize the risk of unauthorized access to the system of records, the Office will locate all unpublished paper records in lockable file cabinets or in metal file cabinets in secured rooms or secured premises with access limited to those whose official duties require access. Electronic data will be stored in secured premises with access limited to

those whose official duties require access.

Classification

Administrative Procedure Act

This notice is not subject to the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2).

Executive Order 12866

This notice is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Brenda Dolan,

Departmental Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Officer.

Commerce/PAT-TM-15

SYSTEM NAME:

System for Maintenance of Invention Promoter Complaints—COMMERCE/PAT-TM-# TBD.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

The Office of Independent Inventor Programs, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 2121 South Clark Street, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Complaining inventors, invention promoters, and interested members of the public.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Complainant names, addresses, and telephone numbers; invention promoter names, addresses, and telephone numbers; complaints regarding invention promoters, responses to complaints by invention promoters, and correspondence relating to these complaints and responses.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 301; 35 U.S.C. 1, 6, and 297.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

See Prefatory Statement of General Routine uses Nos. 1-5, 8-10, 12 and 13. Customer complaints regarding invention promoters together with responses by the invention promoters will be made publicly available.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Storage: Paper records in file folder or distributed to individuals and management; microfilm and electronic storage media.

Retrievability: Complaints and responses will be assigned numbers. Documents may be retrieved by number, name of complainant, or name of invention promoter.