

Notices

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Rental Fee Waivers for Noncommercial, Educational Broadcasters and State and Local Entities Holding Leases or Permits for Communications Uses on National Forest System Lands

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of agency interim directive.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is issuing an interim directive (ID) to provide internal guidance to its employees in implementing a rental fee waiver for noncommercial, educational sectarian broadcasters that hold a Forest Service lease or special use permit to occupy National Forest System lands for telecommunications purposes. Based on an analysis of applicable case law, the Forest Service is modifying its fee waiver policy to exempt from a rental fee those sectarian broadcasters that have a Forest Service lease or special use permit, are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as a noncommercial, educational broadcaster, and have nonprofit status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Additionally, the ID clarifies that the Forest Service rental fee calculation for facility owners and facility managers does not include sectarian broadcasters in their facilities that can verify their nonprofit status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and their classification by the FCC as noncommercial, educational sectarian broadcasters. The Forest Service is also clarifying its current fee waiver policy to provide that States and local governmental entities are not to be granted a fee waiver when their authorized use on the National Forest is commercial in nature or is intended to generate a profit. The interim directive is issued to the Forest

Service Special Uses Handbook, FSH 2709.11, Chapter 30, Fee Determination, as ID number 2709.11-2002-2.

DATES: The interim directive is effective July 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The interim directive is available electronically from the Forest Service via the World Wide Web/Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives>. Single paper copies of the interim directive also are available by contacting Mark Scheibel, Forest Service, USDA, Lands Staff (Mail Stop 1124), 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1124 (telephone 202-205-1264).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Scheibel, Lands Staff (202-205-1264).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Request for Proposals: Fiscal Year 2002 Funding Opportunity for 1890 Land Grant Institutions Rural Entrepreneurial Program Outreach Initiative

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) announces the availability of approximately \$1.5 million in competitive cooperative agreement funds allocated from fiscal year 2002 budget. RBS hereby requests proposals from Tuskegee University and the 1890 Land Grant Universities (1890 Institutions) interested in applying for competitively awarded cooperative agreements for support of RBS' mission goals and objectives of outreach to small rural communities and to develop programs that will develop future entrepreneurs and businesses in rural America in those communities that have the most economic need. These programs must provide sustainable development that is in keeping with the needs of the community and designed to help overcome current identified economic problems. Proposals in both

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traditional and nontraditional business enterprises are encouraged. The initiative seeks to create a working partnership between the 1890 Institutions and RBS through cooperative agreements.

Eligible applicants must provide matching funds in support of this project. Matching funds must equal at least 25 percent of the amount provided by RBS in the cooperative agreement. This Notice lists the information needed to submit an application for these funds.

DATES: Cooperative agreement applications must be received by 4 p.m. August 29, 2002. Proposals received after August 29, 2002, will not be considered for funding. Comments regarding the information collection requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 must be received on or before September 13, 2002 to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Send proposals and other required materials to Mr. Edgar L. Lewis, Program Manager, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA, Stop 3252, Room 4221, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3252. Telephone: (202) 690-3407, E-mail: edgar.lewis@usda.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General Information

This solicitation is issued pursuant to section 607(b)(4) of the Rural Development Act of 1972, as amended by section 759A of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996. Also, this solicitation is issued pursuant to Executive Order 13256 (February 12, 2002), "President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities." RBS was established by the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994. The mission of RBS is to improve the quality of life in rural America by financing community facilities and businesses, providing technical assistance, and creating effective strategies for rural development.