

affordable for all State agencies. The report highlights various procurement and pricing strategies as a way to leverage pricing and obtain economies of scale. FNS is interested in obtaining comments on these and other strategies to further foster increased competition among EBT-system vendors that would ensure cost containment and optimal service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lizbeth Silbermann, Chief, EBT Branch, Benefit Redemption Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 403, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, telephone (703) 305-2517.

Dated: December 13, 2002.

Eric M. Bost,
Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee, Grangeville, Idaho, USDA, Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests' North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, January 22, 2003 in Grangeville, Idaho for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting on January 22 begins at 10 AM, at the Super 8 Motel, 801 W.

South 1st Street, Grangeville, Idaho. Agenda topics will include discussion of potential projects. A public forum will begin at 2:30 PM (PST).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ihor Mereszczak, Staff Officer and Designated Federal Officer, at (208) 983-1950.

Dated: December 16, 2002.

Ihor Mereszczak,
Acting Forest Supervisor.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Weather Radio Transmitter Grant Program

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On April 4, 2001, the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) published a Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 17857, April 4, 2001) announcing a new grant program, and the availability of grant funds under this program, to finance the installation of new transmitters to extend the coverage of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Weather Radio system (NOAA Weather Radio) in rural America. Included in the NOFA was a list of proposed NOAA Weather Radio transmitter sites that would be eligible for funding. On October 16, 2001, RUS published an updated listing of the proposed NOAA Weather Radio transmitter sites that would be eligible for funding (66 FR 52571).

The purpose of this notice is to provide an additional updated listing of the proposed NOAA Weather Radio transmitter sites. An applicant for a grant under this program may apply for a site included in this updated listing, in the listing published October 16, 2001, or in the original listing published

April 4, 2001. RUS continues to emphasize that it strongly encourages all grant applicants to consult and coordinate with the National Weather Service prior to submitting a completed application.

Further details on the application process and eligibility are available in the NOFA in the April 4, 2001, **Federal Register** (66 FR 17857) or on the RUS Web site at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/initiatives/weatherradio.htm>.

Applications for grants will be accepted until grants totaling \$5 million in appropriations have been made. A list of the approved grant applications is available on the RUS Web site at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/initiatives/weatherradio.htm>. RUS will update this list as the agency approves additional grants.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, STOP 1590, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1590, Telephone (202) 720-9554, Facsimile (202) 720-0810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Updated List

An area's need for a new NOAA Weather Radio transmitter is determined by its inherent risk of hazardous weather and the absence of adequate coverage by an existing transmitter. RUS, in consultation with the National Weather Service, has developed the attached updated list of proposed transmitter sites that will be eligible for funding under the NOFA published in the April 4, 2001, **Federal Register**.

RUS will continue to update its list from time to time and will publish updates in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 13, 2002.

Curtis M. Anderson,
Deputy Administrator, Acting as Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

NWS SITE LISTINGS

State and site name	County name	FIPS	Latitude	Longitude
Alabama:				
Cullman	Cullman	01043	34-10-17 N	86-50-39 W
Hytop	Jackson	01071	34-54-58 N	86-05-17 W
Arab/Guntersville	Marshall	01095	34-24-04.1 N	86-26-27 W
California:				
Catalina Island (Marine)/Avalon	Los Angeles	06037	33-20-34 N	118-19-36 W
Conway Summit/Bridgeport	Mono	06051	38-15-21 N	119-13-49 W

NWS SITE LISTINGS—Continued

State and site name	County name	FIPS	Latitude	Longitude
Maine: Greenville	Pisctaquis	23021	45-27-34 N	69-35-28 W
Missouri: Prairie Home	Cooper	29053	38-48-47 N	92-35-25 W
Montana: Winnett	Petroleum	30069	47-00-10 N	108-21-05 W
North Dakota: Wishek	Mcintosh	38051	46-15-25 N	99-33-24 W
Ft. Ransom	Ransom	38073	46-31-15 N	97-55-33 W
Oklahoma: Grove	Delaware	40041	36-35-37 N	94-46-08 W
Woodward	Woodward	40153	36-26-01 N	99-23-24 W
Pennsylvania: Beach lake	Wayne	42127	41-36-06 N	75-09-01 W
Texas: Van horn	Culberson	48109	31-03-50 N	104-27-23 W
Carrizo springs	Dimmit	48127	28-31-18 N	99-51-37 W
Dell City	Hudspeth	48229	31-56-19 N	105-12-03 W
Wyoming: Glendo/Windover/Wheatland	Platte	56031	42-30-10 N	105-01-32 W

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of Inspector General

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Applicant for Funding Assistance

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing and proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Barbara Bynum, H.C. Hoover Building,

Room 7097, (202)482-5348. In addition, written comments may be sent via e-mail to bbynum@oig.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Department of Commerce, through their bureaus—Economic Development Administration (EDA), the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), the International Trade Administration (ITA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Technical Information Service (NTIS) and the National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA), and other programs, assists reliable, capable individuals and firms in the pursuit of various business development, business enterprise development and other forms of economic development. Form CD-346 is used to assist program and grants administration officials in determining the responsibility, financial integrity and management principles of principal officers and employees of organizations, firms, or recipients or beneficiaries of grants, loans, or loan guarantee programs. This requirement is derived from 42 U.S.C.3211(12); as well as the responsibilities cited in the Inspector General Act of 1978, Sec. 4(a)(3).

The CD-346 is also completed, when required, by grant recipients. Through the name check process the Office of Inspector General collects background information on key individuals

associated with proposed financial assistance (grants, cooperative agreements, loans and loan guarantees) recipient organizations. The name check identifies those principals affiliated with proposed recipient organizations who have been convicted of, or are presently facing, criminal charges or are under investigation for fraud, theft, perjury or other matters which have significant impact on questions of management honesty or financial integrity. The name check process also includes an inquiry into the financial status of an individual and/or organization.

II. Method of Collection

Paper format.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0605-0001.

Form Numbers: CD-346.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, farms, Federal, State, Local or Tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 625.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: 0.