

## VI. Award Administration Information

### A. Award Notices

Successful applicants will receive a notification of tentative selection for funding from Rural Development. Applicants must comply with all applicable statutes, regulations, and this notice before the grant award will receive final approval.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive notification, including mediation procedures and appeal rights, by mail.

### B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

7 CFR parts 3015, 3019, and 4284. These regulations may be accessed at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/cfr-table-search.html#page1>.

The following additional requirements apply to grantees selected for this program:

- Grant Agreement.
- Letter of Conditions.
- Form RD 1940-1, "Request for Obligation of Funds."
- Form RD 1942-46, "Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions."
- Form AD-1047, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters-Primary Covered Transactions."
- Form AD-1048, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions."
- Form AD-1049, "Certification Regarding a Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Grants)."
- Form RD 400-1, "Equal Opportunity Agreement."
- Form RD 400-4, "Assurance Agreement."

Additional information on these requirements can be found at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm>.

Reporting Requirements: You must provide Rural Development with a hard copy original or an electronic copy that includes all required signatures of the following reports. The reports should be submitted to the Agency contact listed on your grant agreement and Letter of Conditions. Failure to submit satisfactory reports on time may result in suspension or termination of your grant.

1. Form SF-269 or SF-269A. A "Financial Status Report," listing expenditures according to agreed upon budget categories, on a semi-annual basis. Reporting periods end each March 31 and September 30. Reports are due 30 days after the reporting period ends.
2. Semi-annual performance reports that compare accomplishments to the objectives stated in the proposal.

Identify all tasks completed to date and provide documentation supporting the reported results. If the original schedule provided in the work plan is not being met, the report should discuss the problems or delays that may affect completion of the project. Objectives for the next reporting period should be listed. Compliance with any special condition on the use of award funds should be discussed. Reports are due as provided in paragraph (1) of this section. Supporting documentation must also be submitted for completed tasks. The supporting documentation for completed tasks include, but are not limited to, feasibility studies, marketing plans, business plans, articles of incorporation and bylaws and an accounting of how working capital funds were spent.

3. Final Project performance reports that compare accomplishments to the objectives stated in the proposal. Identify all tasks completed and provide documentation supporting the reported results. If the original schedule provided in the work plan was not met, the report must discuss the problems or delays that affected completion of the project. Compliance with any special condition on the use of award funds should be discussed. Supporting documentation for completed tasks must also be submitted. The supporting documentation for completed tasks include, but are not limited to, feasibility studies, marketing plans, business plans, articles of incorporation and bylaws and an accounting of how working capital funds were spent. Planning grant projects must also report the estimated increase in revenue, increase in customer base, number of jobs created, and any other relevant economic indicators generated by continuing the project into its operational phase. Working capital grants must report the increase in revenue, increase in customer base, number of jobs created, any other relevant economic indicators generated by the project during the grant period in addition to the total funds used for the Venture during the grant period. These total funds must include other federal, state, local, and other funds used for the venture. Projects with significant energy components must also report expected or actual capacity (e.g. gallons of ethanol produced annually, megawatt hours produced annually) and any emissions reductions incurred during the project. The final performance report is due within 90 days of the completion of the project.

## VII. Agency Contacts

For general questions about this announcement and for program technical assistance, please contact your USDA Rural Development State Office at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm>. You can also reach your State Office by calling (202) 720-4323 and pressing "1". If you are unable to contact your State Office, please contact a nearby State Office or you may contact the RBS National Office at Mail STOP 3250, Room 4016-South, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3250, Telephone: (202) 720-7558, e-mail: [cpgrants@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:cpgrants@wdc.usda.gov).

## VIII. Other Information

It is suggested that applicants visit the Agricultural Marketing Resource Center (AgMRC) at <http://www.agmrc.org> for additional information on value-added agriculture. AgMRC brings together experts from three of the nation's leading agricultural universities—Iowa State University, Kansas State University and the University of California—into a dynamic, electronically based center to create and present information about value-added agriculture. The center draws on the abilities, skills and knowledge of leading economists, business strategists and outreach specialists to provide reliable information needed by independent producers to achieve success and profitability in value-added agriculture. Partial support for the center is derived from a grant administered by RBS.

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**Thomas C. Dorr,**

*Under Secretary, Rural Development.*

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## ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

### Meeting

**AGENCY:** Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has scheduled its regular business meetings to take place in Washington, DC from Tuesday through Wednesday, January 10-11, 2006, at the times and location noted below.

**DATES:** The schedule of events is as follows:

**Tuesday, January 10, 2006**

9–11 a.m. Planning and Budget Committee.  
11–Noon Technical Programs Committee.  
1:30–3:30 p.m. Executive Committee.  
3:30–5 Committee of the Whole on Rulemaking Plan (Closed Session).

**Wednesday, January 11, 2006**

9 a.m.–Noon Ad Hoc Committee on Passenger Vessels (Closed Session).  
1:30–3 p.m. Board Meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held at the Marriott at Metro Center Hotel, 775 12th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information regarding the meetings, please contact Lawrence W. Roffee, Executive Director, (202) 272–0001 (voice) and (202) 272–0082 (TTY).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** At the Board meeting, the Access Board will consider the following agenda items:

- Approval of the November 9, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes
- Committee of the Whole on Rulemaking Report
- Ad Hoc Committee on Passenger Vessels Report
- Technical Programs Committee Report
- Planning and Budget Committee Report
- Executive Committee Report

All meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities. An assistive listening system will be available at the Board meetings. Members of the general public who require sign language interpreters must contact the Access Board by Tuesday, January 3, 2006. Persons attending Board meetings are requested to refrain from using perfume, cologne, and other fragrances for the comfort of other participants.

**Lawrence W. Roffee,**  
Executive Director.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Census Bureau**

**Quarterly Survey of State and Local Government Tax Revenue**

**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, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 21, 2006.

**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](mailto:DHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Christopher Pece, Chief, Public Finance Analysis Branch–B, Governments Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233–6800 (301–763–7330).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to request an extension of the Quarterly Survey of State and Local Tax Revenue. The Census Bureau needs state and local tax data to produce benchmark statistics on public sector taxes; to provide data to the Bureau of Economic Analysis for GDP calculations and other economic indicators; and to provide data for economic research and comparative studies of governmental finances. The Census Bureau collects data quarterly from state and local government tax collecting agencies.

Tax collection data serve as important measures of economic activity for the Nation as a whole, as well as for comparison among the various states. These data are also useful in comparing the mix of taxes employed by individual states and in determining the revenue raising capacity of different types of taxes.

The survey collects data using three forms:

- Form F–71 obtains data on local government property taxes. The Census Bureau sends this form to 5,448 local government tax-collecting agencies in 530 county areas. While some counties are served by a single county-level tax collection agency, others have a mix of county, city, township, special district, and school district collectors. The form requests that each collecting agency report the total property tax collections during the past quarter.

- Form F–72 obtains data on state government taxes. The Census Bureau sends this form to state government revenue, finance, or budget agencies to obtain tax collection data for the preceding 3-month period.

- Form F–73 obtains data on major local government non-property taxes. Currently 111 local government tax collection agencies with substantial collections of local general sales and local income taxes qualify to receive this form.

**II. Method of Collection**

The Census Bureau canvasses the F–71 respondents by mail. Census Bureau staff manually screen most responses and enter data via an internal Web site. We encourage governments to respond via the Internet, where they can enter data directly.

We fashion the F–72 requests according to respondents wishes, either e-mail or facsimile.

Respondents have several options for replying—e-mail, postal service, or electronically. The Census Bureau dispatches the F–73 forms by postal service, facsimile, or electronically, as requested by the governments. Respondents may use any of these formats for the returns.

In those instances when we are not able to obtain a response we conduct a follow-up.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0607–0112.  
*Form Number:* F–71, F–72, and F–73.  
*Type of Review:* Regular.  
*Affected Public:* State and local governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,610.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 25 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 5,661.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* The estimated cost to the respondents is \$113,277.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

**Legal Authority:** Title 13 U.S.C., section 182.

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) 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