

number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 14th day of April 2006.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2006-0003]

#### Horse Protection; Public Meetings in California, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Texas

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Animal Care program will host four additional meetings to present current information on the enforcement of the Horse Protection Act (HPA) and provide a forum for horse industry members and other interested persons to comment on the Horse Protection Program, development of the HPA Operating Plan for 2007 and beyond, and other Horse Protection matters. This notice provides the meetings' agendas, locations, and dates.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held in Dallas, TX, on April 19, 2006, at 1 p.m.; in Somerset, KY, on May 17, 2006, at 1 p.m.; in Pomona, CA, on June 12, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., and in Chattanooga, TN, on September 11, 2006, at 1 p.m. Registration for each meeting will start 30 minutes before the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the following locations:

Dallas, TX: Sterling Hotel Dallas, 1055 Regal Row, Dallas, TX.

Somerset, KY: Center for Rural Development, 2292 South Highway 27, Suite 300, Somerset, KY.

Pomona, CA: Kellogg West Conference Center, 3801 West Temple Avenue, Pomona, CA.

Chattanooga, TN: Miller & Martin PLLC, Volunteer Building, 832 Georgia Avenue, Suite 1000, Chattanooga, TN.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Darby G. Holladay, APHIS Legislative and Public Affairs, 4700 River Road

Unit 51, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-3265.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Animal Care, is announcing four additional meetings to discuss the enforcement of the Horse Protection Act (HPA). Two prior meetings for this purpose have been held in Shelbyville, KY, on February 8, 2006, and in Springfield, MO, on March 13, 2006. Notice of the earlier meetings was published in the **Federal Register** on January 18, 2006 (71 FR 2902), and on March 7, 2006 (71 FR 11373). These meetings are designed to provide a forum for information dissemination on current initiatives by Animal Care. Further, these meetings provide the opportunity for industry members and other interested parties to provide suggestions for the HPA Operating Plan for 2007 and beyond and comments on other Horse Protection Program matters during the listening session period on the agenda. Each attendee who wishes to comment should indicate at registration his or her intention to address the Deputy Administrator during the listening session and will be allotted a set amount of time.

The meetings will, with the exception of possible minor modifications, follow the agenda below. Registration for each meeting will start 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

*Welcome and Overview:* 15 minutes.

*Horse Protection Program Update:* 1 hour, 45 minutes.

*Listening Session:* 1 hour, 45 minutes.

*Remarks and Closing:* 15 minutes.

Meeting notices, copies of the Horse Protection Act, HPA regulations, the HPA Operating Plan for 2004-2006, and other relevant documents are available on the Animal Care Web site at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ac/hpainfo.html>.

Please note that these meetings are being held to provide for the exchange of information on the enforcement of the Horse Protection Act and are not an opportunity to submit formal comments on proposed rules or other regulatory initiatives. Written comments will be accepted and should be mailed to: USDA, APHIS, Animal Care, 4700 River Road Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737.

Done in Washington, DC, this 14th day of April 2006 .

**Kevin Shea,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Eastern Arizona Counties Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Eastern Arizona Counties Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Payson, Arizona. The purpose of the meeting is to review and approve projects for funding.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held May 19, 2006, at 12:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Gila Community College Payson Campus, 201 Mud Springs Road, Payson, Arizona. Send written comments to Robert Dyson, Eastern Arizona Counties Resource Advisory Committee, c/o Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 640, Springerville, Arizona 85938 or electronically to [rydson@fs.fed.us](mailto:rydson@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert Dyson, Public Affairs Officer, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, (928) 333-4301.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring Pub. L. 106-393 related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before the meeting. Opportunity for public input will be provided.

Dated: April 13, 2006.

**Deryl D. Jevons,**

*Acting Forest Supervisor, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Southeast Alaska Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Meeting

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA; Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

*Date:* May 10, 2006.

*Time and Location:* 10 a.m., Alaska Daylight Savings Time, by teleconference. For how to participate,

please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public that the Southeast Alaska Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council will hold a public meeting on May 10, 2006. The public is invited to participate and to provide oral testimony.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Southeast Regional Advisory Council will meet by teleconference on May 10, 2006, for the purpose of reviewing and providing comments on the Federal rulemaking which would result in Federal subsistence management of certain marine waters in the vicinity of Makhnati and Japonski Islands within the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, and for discussing other matters affecting subsistence users in Southeast Alaska. This meeting is open to the public to provide testimony. To participate, call toll free, 1-888-982-4496. The Teleconference Leader is Ms. Melinda Hernandez and the Passcode is Makhnati.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, c/o Office of Subsistence Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 3601 C Street, Suite 1030, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; telephone (907) 786-3888. For questions related to subsistence management issues on National Forest Service lands, contact Steve Kessler, Subsistence Program Leader, 3601 C Street, Suite 1030, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; telephone (907) 786-3592.

Dated: March 30, 2006.

**Thomas H. Boyd,**

*Acting Chair, Federal Subsistence Board.*

Dated: March 30, 2006.

**Steve Kessler,**

*Subsistence Program Leader, USDA-Forest Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

#### Request for Proposals: Fiscal Year 2006 Funding Opportunity for Research on the Economic Impact of Cooperatives

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Initial notice of request for proposals.

**SUMMARY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service programs are administered through USDA Rural Development. USDA Rural Development announces

the availability of approximately \$495,000 in competitive cooperative agreement funds for fiscal year (FY) 2006 to conduct research on the national economic impact of all types of cooperatives. USDA Rural Development hereby requests proposals from institutions of higher education interested in applying for a competitively awarded cooperative research agreement. The intent of the funding is to encourage research on the critical issue of the economic value of cooperatives.

**DATES:** Interested parties may submit completed applications for the cooperative agreement on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

Paper copies must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight no later than June 30, 2006, to be eligible for FY 2006 funding. Electronic copies must be received by June 30, 2006, to be eligible for FY 2006 funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2006 funding.

**ADDRESSES:** Applicants may obtain application forms, guides, and materials for the cooperative agreement at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/reic.htm> or by contacting USDA Rural Development at (202) 690-0368. (TDD: (800) 877-8339, Federal Information Relay Service) and ask for the cooperative research agreement application kit.

Submit completed paper applications for a cooperative agreement to USDA Rural Development's Cooperative Programs, Attn: Cooperative Research, Mail STOP 3250, Room 4016—South, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3250. The phone number that should be used for FedEx packages is (202) 720-7558.

Submit electronic applications at <http://www.grants.gov>, following the instructions found on this Web site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Visit the program Web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/reic.htm>, which contains application guidance, including an Application Guide and application forms. Or you may contact USDA Rural Development at (202) 690-0368 (TDD: (800) 877-8339 Federal Information Relay Service).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Paperwork Reduction Act**

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, OMB must approve all "collections of information" by USDA Rural Development. The Act defines "collection of information" as a requirement for "answers to \* \* \* identical reporting or recordkeeping

requirements imposed on ten or more persons \* \* \*." (44 U.S.C. 3502(3)(A)) Because the RFP will receive less than 10 respondents, the Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply.

#### **Overview**

*Federal Agency:* Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

*Funding Opportunity Title:* Research on the Economic Impact of Cooperatives.

*Announcement Type:* Initial announcement.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:* 10.778.

*Dates:* You may submit completed applications for the cooperative agreement on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

Paper copies must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight no later than June 30, 2006, to be eligible for FY 2006 funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2006 funding.

Electronic copies must be received by June 30, 2006, to be eligible for FY 2006 funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2006 funding.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13): There is no public reporting burden associated with this notice.

#### **I. Funding Opportunity Description**

This solicitation is issued pursuant to the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109-97), as amended by the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109-148) directing funds "for a cooperative research agreement with a qualified academic institution to conduct research on the national economic impact of all types of cooperatives." The Secretary of Agriculture has delegated the program's administration to USDA Rural Development.

The primary objective of this cooperative research agreement program is to facilitate university research on the national economic impact of cooperatives. The research program will need to develop a methodology for collecting and assembling basic impact data on a periodic basis; apply the methodology to collect data and estimate economic impact of cooperatives; estimate cooperative specific community impact multipliers; and conduct other appropriate studies to examine the socio-economic impact of cooperatives on their local communities.

The cooperative agreement proposal must address the following deliverables: