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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Northern Research Station's Outreach Opportunity Questionnaire

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the Northern Research Station's (NRS) Outreach Opportunity Questionnaire.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before June 18, 2007 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to the Northern Research Station, Attention: Judy Terrell, Forest Service, USDA, 11 Campus Boulevard, Suite 200, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 610-557-4095 or by e-mail to: jterrell@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at USDA Forest Service, 11 Campus Boulevard, Suite 200, Newtown Square, PA 19073 during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 610-557-4257 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Terrell, Administrative Services, 610-557-4257. Individuals who use TDD may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Northern Research Station's Outreach Opportunity Questionnaire.

OMB Number: 0596-NEW.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: This information collection is proposed in order to gather information from students attending local college and university career fairs regarding the effectiveness of the information provided by Forest Service personnel on career opportunities in the Forest Service. The information collection is necessary to evaluate and determine the effectiveness of the Forest Service Northern Research Station's (NRS) Civil Rights Outreach Program.

Forest Service Civil Rights personnel will use a postcard size form to collect evaluation information from students regarding presentations at career day events at colleges and universities. Data received will appear in reports provided to the Department of Agriculture, senior Forest Service officials, the NRS Director, and the NRS Civil Rights Diversity Committee. This information is a vital component in the analysis of Agency outreach efforts.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 10 minutes (.17 hours).

Type of Respondents: University/ College students.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 85 hours.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: April 13, 2007.

Ann M. Bartuska,

Deputy Chief, Research and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council will meet in Biloxi, Mississippi, June 5-7, 2007. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss emerging issues in urban and community forestry.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 5-7, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The business meetings on June 5 and 7 will be held at the Quality Inn, 2416 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS. A *Catastrophic Storms and Urban Forests* public listening session will be held on June 6 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, 2350 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS. Written comments concerning this meeting should be addressed to Suzanne M. del Villar, Executive Assistant, National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, P.O. Box 1003, Sugarloaf, CA 92386-1003. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to sdelvillar@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to (909) 585-9527.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at USDA Forest Service, Urban and Community Forestry, 201 14th Street, SW., 1 Central Yates Building, Washington, DC. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 202-205-1057 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne M. del Villar, Urban and Community Forestry Staff, (909) 585-9268, or via e-mail at sdelvillar@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will be hosting a groundbreaking public listening session on *Catastrophic Storms and Urban Forests* on June 6, 2007, at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, 2350 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS. There are several ways for the public to offer their testimony as explained on the Council's Web site at <http://www.treelink.org/nucfac>. Participants may give an on-site presentation, Web cast, written form, fax or e-mail. All testimony will be recorded, compiled, and tabulated into a final report to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Dated: April 11, 2007.

Robin L. Thompson,

Associate Deputy chief, State & Private Forestry.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Announcement of Rural Cooperative Development Grant Application Deadlines and Funding Levels

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation of applications.

SUMMARY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service programs are administered through USDA Rural Development. USDA Rural Development announces the availability of approximately \$3.5 million in competitive grant funds for the fiscal year (FY) 2007 Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Program. The intended effect of this notice is to solicit applications for FY 2007 and award grants on or before September 14, 2007. The maximum award per grant is \$200,000 and matching funds are required.

DATES: Applications for grants must be submitted on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

Paper copies must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight no later than June 8, 2007, to be eligible for FY 2007 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2007 grant funding.

Electronic copies must be received by June 8, 2007, to be eligible for FY 2007 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2007 grant funding.

ADDRESSES: Application materials for a RCDG may be obtained at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/rcdg.htm> or by contacting the

applicant's USDA Rural Development State Office at (202) 720-4323 and pressing "1".

Submit completed paper applications for a grant to Cooperative Programs, Attn: RCDG Program, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Mail Stop 3250, Room 4016-South, Washington, DC 20250-3250. The phone number that should be used for courier delivery is (202) 720-7558.

Submit electronic grant 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/rcdg/rcdg.htm> for application assistance or contact your USDA Rural Development State Office at (202) 720-4323 and press "1", or select the Contacts link at the above Web site. Applicants are encouraged to contact their State Offices well in advance of the deadline to discuss their projects and ask any questions about the application process.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

Federal Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS).

Funding Opportunity Title: Rural Cooperative Development Grant.

Announcement Type: Initial announcement.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 10.771.

Dates: Application Deadline:

Completed applications for grants may be submitted on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

Paper copies must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight no later than June 8, 2007, to be eligible for FY 2007 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2007 grant funding.

Electronic copies must be received by June 8, 2007, to be eligible for FY 2007 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2007 grant funding.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

RCDGs are authorized by section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(e)). Regulations are contained in 7 CFR part 4284, subparts A and F. The primary objective of the RCDG program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. Grant funds are provided for the establishment and operation of Centers that have the expertise or who can contract out for the expertise to assist individuals or entities in the startup, expansion or operational improvement of cooperative businesses.

The program is administered through USDA Rural Development State Offices.

Definitions

The definitions published at 7 CFR 4284.3 and 4284.504 are incorporated by reference.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Grant.

Fiscal Year Funds: FY 2007.

Approximate Total Funding: \$3.5 million.

Approximate Number of Awards: 18.

Approximate Average Award:

\$200,000.

Floor of Award Range: None.

Ceiling of Award Range: \$200,000.

Anticipated Award Date: September 14, 2007.

Budget Period Length: 12 months.

Project Period Length: 12 months.

III. Eligibility Information

A. Eligible Applicants

Grants may be made to nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education. Grants may not be made to public bodies.

B. Cost Sharing or Matching

Matching funds are required. Applicants must verify in their applications that all matching funds are available for the time period of the grant. The matching fund requirement is 25 percent of the total project cost (5 percent in the case of 1994 Institutions). Unless provided by other authorizing legislation, other Federal grant funds cannot be used as matching funds. However, matching funds may include loan proceeds from Federal sources. Matching funds must be spent in advance or as a pro-rata portion of grant funds being expended. All of the matching funds must be provided by either the applicant or a third party in the form of cash or in-kind contributions. All of the matching funds must be spent on eligible expenses and must be from eligible sources. The Center must be able to document and verify the number of hours worked and the value associated with the in-kind contribution. Additionally, if the in-kind contributions are from board members for their time, travel, incidentals, etc., the Center must have established written policies explaining how these costs are normally reimbursed, including rates. Otherwise, the in-kind contributions will not be considered eligible expenses and may cause the application to be determined ineligible for funding. In-kind contributions provided by individuals, businesses, or cooperatives who are being assisted by the Center can not be