

Service to make loans in the several United States and Territories of the United States for rural electrification and the furnishing of electric energy to persons in rural areas who are not receiving central station service. The RE Act also authorizes and empowers the Administrator of the Agency to provide financial assistance to borrowers for purposes provided in the RE Act by accommodating or subordinating loans made by the national Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, the Federal Financing Bank, and other lending agencies. Title 7 CFR part 1717, subparts R & S sets forth policy and procedures to facilitate and support borrowers' efforts to obtain private sector financing of their capital needs, to allow borrowers greater flexibility in the management of their business affairs without compromising RUS loan security, and to reduce the cost to borrowers, in terms of time, expenses and paperwork, of obtaining lien accommodations and subordinations. The information required to be submitted would be limited to necessary information that would allow the Agency to make a determination on the borrower's request to subordinate and accommodate their lien with other lenders.

Estimate of Burden: Public Reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 19 hours per response.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 285 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Gale Richardson, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720-0992. FAX: (202) 720-8435.

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.

Dated: April 8, 2009.

James R. Newby,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Notice of Funding Availability for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

AGENCY: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) is announcing the release of the FY 2009 Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) Request for Applications (RFA) via Grants.gov.

DATES: The FY 2009 Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program RFA (BFRDP) was posted to Grants.gov on Friday, March 13, 2009, and applications are due via Grants.gov by Monday, May 13, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Siva Sureshwaran, 202-720-7536 (phone), 202-401-6070 (fax), or ssureshwaran@csrees.usda.gov. Janie Simms Hipp, 202-720-3605 (phone), 202-690-3162 (fax), or jhipp@csrees.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose

Section 7405 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-171) (7 U.S.C. 3319f) as amended by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246), directs the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) to establish a Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP). The authority to carry out the BFRDP has been delegated to CSREES through the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics. The Secretary is authorized to make competitive grants to support new and established local and regional training, education, outreach, and technical assistance initiatives that address the needs of beginning farmers and ranchers (Standard BFRDP Projects). Grants for Standard BFRDP Projects will be awarded to address needs of beginning farmers and ranchers in the following priority areas: Mentoring, apprenticeships, and internship activities; resources and referral; assisting beginning farmers or ranchers in understanding how to acquire land from retiring farmers and ranchers; innovative farm and ranch transfer strategies; entrepreneurship and business training; model land leasing

contracts; financial management training; whole farm planning; conservation assistance; risk management education; diversification and marketing strategies; curriculum development; understanding the impact of concentration and globalization; basic livestock and crop farming practices, forestry and range management; acquisition and management of agricultural credit; environmental compliance; information processing; and other similar subject areas of use to beginning farmers and ranchers. The Secretary is also directed to establish beginning farmer and rancher education teams to develop curricula and conduct educational programs and workshops for beginning farmers and ranchers in diverse geographical areas in the United States (Educational Enhancement Projects).

The FY 2009 BFRDP RFA is soliciting grant applications for Standard BFRDP Projects and Educational Enhancement Projects discussed above. In addition, the RFA is soliciting a project application to establish an Online clearinghouse that makes available to beginning farmers or ranchers education curricula and training materials and programs, which may include Online courses for direct use by beginning farmers or ranchers. This award will be made as a cooperative agreement.

The Secretary may make awards to a collaborative State, tribal, local or regionally-based network or partnership of public or private entities, which may include: A State cooperative extension service; a Federal, State, or tribal agency; a community-based and nongovernmental organization; a college or university (including a junior college awarding an associate's degree) or foundation maintained by a college or university; private for-profit organizations; or any other appropriate partner, as determined by the Secretary.

All applicants are required to provide funds or in-kind support from non-Federal sources in an amount that is at least equal to 25 percent of the Federal funds requested.

In making BFRDP awards, priority will be given to partnerships and collaborations that are led by or include nongovernmental and community-based organizations with expertise in new agricultural producer training and outreach.

The estimated amount available for support of this program in FY 2009 is \$17,280,000. The eligibility criteria for projects and applicants, and the application forms and associated instructions needed to apply for a BFRDP award, can be accessed through

the Grants.gov Web site and <http://www.grants.gov>.

Done at Washington, DC, this 9th day of April 2009.

Colien Hefferan,

Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a meeting on April 24, 2009, in Quincy, CA. The purpose of the meeting is to review applications for Cycle 8 funding and select projects to be recommended to the Plumas National Forest Supervisor for calendar year 2009 funding consideration. The funding is available under Title II provisions of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

DATE & ADDRESS: The meeting will take place from 9:30–3 at the Mineral Building Plumas/Sierra County Fairgrounds, 208 Fairgrounds Road, Quincy, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: (Or for special needs): Lee Anne Schramel Taylor, Forest Coordinator, USDA, Plumas National Forest, P.O. Box 11500/159 Lawrence Street, Quincy, CA, 95971; (530) 283-7850; or by e-mail eataylor@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items for the April 24 meeting include: (1) Forest Service Update; (2) Committee Review of Applications; and, (3) Recommendations for Cycle 8 funding distribution. The meetings are open to the public and individuals may address the Committee after being recognized by the Chair. Other RAC information may be obtained at <http://www.fs.fed.us/srs>.

Dated: April 6, 2009.

Mark Beaulieu,

Public Services Staff Officer.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the South Carolina Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the South Carolina Advisory to the Commission will convene at 1 p.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m. on May 7, 2009, at 300 Senate Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to discuss its report on parental notification of supplemental educational services under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The address is 61 Forsyth St., SW., Suite 18T40, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Persons wishing to email comments may do so to pminarik@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information should contact Peter Minarik, Regional Director, at (404) 562-7000 or 800-877-8339 for individuals who are deaf, hearing impaired, and/or have speech disabilities or by e-mail to pminarik@usccr.gov.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Southern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or to contact the Southern Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, April 8, 2009.

Christopher Byrnes,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Service Annual Survey

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

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: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before June 15, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at 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 Ron Farrar, U.S. Census Bureau, 8K145, Washington, DC 20233-6500, (301) 763-6782 or Jeff Barnett, U.S. Census Bureau, 8K045, Washington, DC 20233-6500, (301) 763-2787.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Service Annual Survey (SAS) produces annual nationwide estimates of revenue and expenses for selected service industries. Selected service industries include all or portions of the following North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) sectors: Transportation and Warehousing (NAICS 48 and 49); Information, Finance and Insurance (NAICS 51 and 52); Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (NAICS 53); Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (NAICS 54); Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (NAICS 56); Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62); Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (NAICS 71); and Other Services (NAICS 81).

For selected industries in Finance, Information, Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, and Administrative Support and Waste Management and