DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program 2011 Industry Forums—Open Teleconference and/or Web Conference Meetings

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a series of teleconference and/or Web conference meetings regarding the USDA Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program, which are scheduled to occur during the months of February, June, and October of 2011. This notice also outlines suggested discussion topics for the meetings and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to participate in the teleconference and/or Web conference meetings.

DATES: The dates and times for the teleconference and/or Web conference meetings will be announced via e-mail to parties registered as described below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing to register for the calls and obtain the call-in number, access code, Web link and other information for any of the public teleconferences and or Web conferences may contact Monica Cole, Financial and Loan Analyst, Multifamily Housing Guaranteed Loan Division, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, telephone: (202) 720–1251, fax: (202) 205–5066, or e-mail: monica.cole@wdc.usda.gov. Those who request registration less than 15 calendar days prior to the date of a teleconference and/or Web conference meetings may not receive notice of that teleconference and/or Web conference meeting, but will receive notice of future teleconference and/or Web conference meetings. The Agency expects to accommodate each participant’s preferred form of participation by telephone or via Web link. However, if it appears that existing capabilities may prevent the Agency from accommodating all requests for one form of participation, each participant will be notified and encouraged to consider an alternative form of participation. Individuals who plan to participate and need language translation assistance should inform the Contact Person within ten business days in advance of the meeting date.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The objectives of this series of teleconferences are as follows:

- Enhance the effectiveness of the Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program.
- Establish a two way communications forum to update industry participants and Rural Housing Service (RHS) staff.
- Enhance RHS’ awareness of the market and other forces that impact the Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program.

Topics to be discussed could include but will not be limited to the following:

- Updates on USDAs Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program activities.
- Perspectives on the current state of debt financing and its impact on the Section 538 program.
- Enhancing the use of Section 538 financing with the transfer and/or preservation of Section 515 developments.
- The impact of Low Income Housing Tax Credits program changes on Section 538 financings.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction Meeting

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR or Committee), will meet Thursday, March 10, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, March 11, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The primary purpose of this meeting is to gather information for the Committee’s 2011 Annual Report of the Effectiveness of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP). The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NEHRP Web site at http://nehrp.gov/.

DATES: The ACEHR will meet on Thursday, March 10, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The meeting will continue on Friday, March 11, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Heritage Room, Administration Building, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Please note admittance instructions under the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jack Hayes, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–8604. Dr. Hayes’ e-mail address is jack.hayes@nist.gov and his phone number is (301) 975–5640.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established in accordance with the requirements of Section 103 of the NEHRP Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108–360). The Committee is composed of 15 members, appointed by the Director of NIST, who were selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues affecting the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program. In addition, the Chairperson of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) serves in an ex officio capacity on the Committee. The Committee assesses: