

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 8, 2011, and will begin at 9 a.m. (EST).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Rockland Township Office, National Ave., Rockland, Michigan. Written comments should be sent to Lisa Klaus, Ottawa National Forest, E6248 U.S. Hwy. 2, Ironwood, MI 49938. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to lklaus@fs.fed.us or via facsimile to 906-932-0122.

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 Ottawa National Forest, E6248 U.S. Hwy. 2, Ironwood, MI 49938.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Klaus, RAC coordinator, USDA, Ottawa National Forest, E6248 U.S. Hwy. 2, Ironwood, MI, (906) 932-1330, ext. 328; e-mail lklaus@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: This meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: (1) Review and approval of previous meeting minutes. (2) Review and make recommendations for Title II Projects previously submitted by the public. (3) Public comment. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting.

Dated: March 7, 2011.

Keith B. Lannom,
Acting Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie (MBS) Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Sedro Woolley, Washington on April 13, 2011. The committee is meeting to review and rank 2012 Title II RAC proposals.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Mt. Baker Ranger District office located at 810 State Route 20, Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jon Vanderheyden, District Ranger, Mt. Baker Ranger District, phone (360) 854-2601, e-mail jvanderheyden@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 meeting is open to the public. More information will be posted on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mbs/projects/rac.shtml>.

Comments may be sent via e-mail to jvanderheyden@fs.fed.us or via facsimile to (360) 856-1934. 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 the Mt. Baker Ranger District office at 810 State Route 20, Sedro-Woolley, Washington, during regular office hours (Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.).

Dated: March 4, 2011.

Y. Robert Iwamoto,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Eastern Idaho Resource Advisory Committee; Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Idaho Falls, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Caribou-Targhee National Forests' Eastern Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will meet Friday, March 25, 2011 in Idaho Falls, Idaho for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The business meeting will be held on March 25, 2011, from 9 a.m. until finished.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is the Caribou-Targhee National Forest Headquarters Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brent Larson, Caribou-Targhee National Forest Supervisor and Designated Federal Officer, at (208) 524-7500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting on March 25, 2011, begins at 9 a.m., at the Caribou-Targhee National Forest Headquarters Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Agenda topics will include approving projects for 2010-3rd year and 2011-4th year funding.

Dated: March 7, 2011.

Brent L. Larson,
Caribou-Targhee Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Contract Proposal (NOCP) for Payments to Eligible Advanced Biofuel Producers

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service and Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the acceptance of applications to enter into Contracts to make payments to eligible advanced biofuel producers under the Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels to support and ensure an expanding production of advanced biofuels. To be eligible for payments, advanced biofuels must be produced from renewable biomass, excluding corn kernel starch, in a biofuel facility located in a State. The Notice announces the availability of up to \$85 million to make payments to advanced biofuel producers for the production of eligible advanced biofuels in Fiscal Year 2011.

DATES: Applications for participating in the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program for Fiscal Year 2011 will be accepted from March 11, 2011 through May 10, 2011. Applications received after May 10, 2011, regardless of their postmark, will not be considered for Fiscal Year 2011 funds. If the actual deadline falls on a weekend or a Federally-observed holiday, the deadline is the next Federal business day.

ADDRESSES: See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for addresses concerning applications for the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program for Fiscal Year 2011 funds.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the Fiscal Year 2011 applications and for Advanced Biofuel Payment Program assistance, please contact a USDA Rural Development Energy Coordinator, as provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this Notice, or Diane Berger, USDA Rural Development, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 6865, STOP 3225, Washington, DC 20250. Telephone: (202) 260-1508. Fax: (202) 720-2213. E-mail: diane.berger@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Fiscal Year 2011 Applications for the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program

Application materials may be obtained by contacting one of Rural Development's Energy Coordinators. An applicant (unless the applicant is an individual) must have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, which can be obtained at no cost via a toll-free request line at 1-866-705-5711 or online at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. Submit completed applications to the Rural Development State Office in the State in which the applicant's principal place of business is located.

Rural Development Energy Coordinators

Note: Telephone numbers listed are not toll-free.

Alabama

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- Republic of the Marshall Islands (See Hawaii)**
- Rhode Island (See Massachusetts)**
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- Paperwork Reduction Act**
The information collection requirements contained in the Notice of Contract Proposal for the Section 9005 Advanced Biofuel Payments Program published on June 12, 2009, were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under emergency clearance procedures and assigned OMB Control Number 0570-0057. As noted in the June 12, 2009 notice, the Agency sought emergency clearance to comply with the time frames mandated by a Presidential Memorandum in order to implement the Program as quickly as possible, having determined that providing for public comment under the normal procedure would unduly delay the provision of benefits associated with this Program and be contrary to the public interest. Now, however, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Agency is seeking standard OMB approval of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements contained in the interim rule. In the publication of the proposed rule on April 16, 2010, the Agency solicited comments on the estimated burden. The Agency received no comments in response to this solicitation. This information collection requirement will not become effective until approved by OMB. Upon approval of this information collection, the Agency will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Overview

Federal Agency Name: Rural Business-Cooperative Service (an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture in the Rural Development mission area).

Contract Proposal Title: Advanced Biofuel Payment Program.

Announcement Type: Initial announcement.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number. The CFDA number for this Notice is 10.867.

Dates: The Advanced Biofuels Program sign-up period for Fiscal Year 2011 is March 11, 2011 to May 10, 2011.

Availability of Notice and Rule. This Notice and the interim rule for the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program are available on the USDA Rural Development Web site at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_Biofuels.html and at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/9005Biofuels.htm>.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Purpose of the Program. The purpose of this program is to support and ensure an expanding production of advanced biofuels by providing payments to eligible advanced biofuel producers. Implementing this program not only promotes the Agency's mission of promoting sustainable economic development in rural America, but is an important part of achieving the Administration's goals for increased biofuel production and use by providing economic incentives for the production of advanced biofuels.

B. Statutory Authority. This program is authorized under Title IX, Section 9001, of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-234).

C. Definition of Terms. The definitions applicable to this Notice are published at 7 CFR 4288.102.

II. Award Information

A. Available funds: The Agency is authorizing up to \$85 million for this program in Fiscal Year 2011.

The Agency made available up to \$80 million in budgetary authority for Fiscal Year 2010 for advanced biofuel produced in Fiscal Year 2010. Information on Fiscal Year 2010 funding was contained in the publication of the interim rule for the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program, which can be found at 76 FR 7936 (February 11, 2011).

B. Approximate number of awards: The number of awards will depend on the number of participating advanced biofuel producers.

C. Range of amounts of each payment: There is no minimum or maximum

payment amount that an individual producer can receive. The amount that each producer receives will depend on the number of eligible advanced biofuel producers participating in the program for Fiscal Year 2011, the amount of advanced biofuels being produced by such advanced biofuel producers, and the amount of funds available.

D. Contract period. For producers participating in this program for Fiscal Year 2011, the contract period will continue indefinitely until terminated as provided for in 7 CFR 4288.121(d).

E. Production period. Payments to participating advanced biofuel producers under this Notice will be made on actual eligible advanced biofuels produced from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

F. Type of instrument. Payment.

III. Eligibility Information

A. Eligible applicants. To be eligible for this program, an applicant must meet the eligibility requirements specified in 7 CFR 4288.110.

B. Biofuel eligibility. To be eligible for payment, an advanced biofuel must meet the eligibility requirements specified in 7 CFR 4288.111.

C. Payment eligibility. To be eligible for program payments, an advanced biofuel producer must maintain the records specified in 7 CFR 4288.113.

IV. Fiscal Year 2011 Application and Submission Information

A. Address to request applications. Annual Application, Contract, and Payment Request forms are available from the USDA, Rural Development State Office, Rural Development Energy Coordinator. The list of Rural Development Energy Coordinators is provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this Notice.

B. Content and form of submission. The enrollment provisions, including application content and form of submission, are specified in 7 CFR 4288.120 and 4288.121.

C. Submission dates and times.

(1) *Enrollment.* Advanced biofuel producers who expect to produce eligible advanced biofuel at any time during Fiscal Year 2011 must enroll in the program by May 10, 2011. Applications received after this date, regardless of their postmark, will not be considered by the Agency for Fiscal Year 2011 funds. Producers who participated in this Program in Fiscal Year 2009 and/or Fiscal Year 2010 must submit a new application under this Notice to be considered for Fiscal Year 2011 funds.

(2) *Payment applications.* Advanced biofuel producers must submit Form RD

4288-3, "Advanced Biofuel Payment Program—Payment Request," for each of the first three quarters (i.e., three forms are required) of Fiscal Year 2011 by 4:30 p.m. on August 1, 2011, and for the final quarter of Fiscal Year 2011 by 4:30 p.m. on October 31, 2011. Neither complete nor incomplete payment applications received after such dates and times will be considered, regardless of the postmark on the application.

D. Funding restrictions. For Fiscal Year 2011, not more than five percent of the funds will be made available to eligible producers with a refining capacity (as determined for the prior fiscal year) exceeding 150,000,000 gallons of a liquid advanced biofuel per year or exceeding 15,900,000 million BTUs of biogas and solid advanced biofuel per year. (In calculating whether a producer meets either of these capacities, production of all advanced biofuel facilities in which the producer has 50 percent or more ownership will be totaled.) The remaining funds will be made available to all other producers.

E. Payment provisions. Fiscal Year 2011 payments will be made according to the provisions specified in 7 CFR 4288.130 through 4288.137.

V. Administration Information

A. Notice of eligibility. The provisions of 7 CFR 4288.112 apply to this Notice. These provisions include notifying an applicant determined to be eligible for participation and assigning such applicant a Contract number and notifying an applicant determined to be ineligible, including the reason(s) the applicant was rejected and providing such applicant appeal rights as specified in 7 CFR 4288.103.

B. Administrative and National Policy requirements.

(1) *Review or appeal rights.* A person may seek a review of an Agency decision or appeal to the National Appeals Division as provided in 7 CFR 4288.103.

(2) *Compliance with other laws and regulations.* The provisions of 7 CFR 4288.104 apply to this Notice, which includes requiring advanced biofuel producers to be in compliance with other applicable Federal, State, and local laws.

(3) *Oversight and monitoring.* The provisions of 7 CFR 4288.105 apply to this Notice, which includes the right of the Agency to verify all payment applications and subsequent payments and the requirement that each eligible advanced biofuel producer make available at one place at all reasonable times for examination by representatives of USDA, all books, papers, records, contracts, scale tickets, settlement

sheets, invoices, written price quotations, and other documents related to the program that are within the control of such advanced biofuel producer for not less than three years from each Program payment date.

(4) *Exception authority.* The provisions of 7 CFR 4288.107 apply to this Notice.

C. *Environmental review.* Rural Development's compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is implemented in its regulations at 7 CFR part 1940, subpart G. The Agency has reviewed the circumstances under which financial assistance may be provided under this Program and has determined that proposals that do not involve additional facility construction fall within the categorical exclusion from NEPA reviews provided for in 7 CFR 1940.310(c)(1). Applicants whose proposal involves additional facility construction should provide Form RD 1940-20, "Request for Environmental Information," as part of their application. Rural Development will then determine whether the proposal is categorically excluded under 7 CFR 1940.310(c)(1) or whether additional actions are necessary to comply with 7 CFR part 1940, subpart G.

VI. Agency Contacts

For assistance on this payment program, please contact a USDA Rural Development Energy Coordinator, as provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this Notice, or Diane Berger, USDA Rural Development, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6865, STOP 3225, Washington, DC 20250. Telephone: (202) 260-1508. Fax: (202) 720-2213. Email: diane.berger@wdc.usda.gov.

VII. Nondiscrimination Statement

USDA prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination write to USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication and Compliance, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.,

Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Dated: March 7, 2011.

Cheryl L. Cook,

Acting Under Secretary, Rural Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Repowering Assistance Payments to Eligible Biorefineries

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service and Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the acceptance of applications for payments to eligible biorefineries to encourage the use of renewable biomass as a replacement fuel source for fossil fuels used to provide process heat or power in the operation of these eligible biorefineries. To be eligible for payments, biorefineries must have been in existence on June 18, 2008. The Notice announces the availability of at least \$25 million to make payments to eligible biorefineries in Fiscal Year 2011, in addition to any carry-over funds from Fiscal Year 2010.

DATES: Applications for participating in this program for Fiscal Year 2011 will be accepted from March 11, 2011 through June 9, 2011. Applications received after June 9, 2011, regardless of their postmark, will not be considered for Fiscal Year 2011 payments. If the actual deadline falls on a weekend or a Federally-observed holiday, the deadline is the next Federal business day.

ADDRESSES: Application materials may be obtained by contacting USDA, Rural Development-Energy Division, Program Branch, Attention: Repowering Assistance Program, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 3225, Washington, DC 20250-3225.

Submit applications to USDA, Rural Development-Energy Division, Program Branch, Attention: Repowering Assistance Program, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 3225, Washington, DC 20250-3225.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on this payment

program, please contact Fred Petok, USDA, Rural Development, Business Programs Energy Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6870, STOP 3225, Washington, DC 20250-3225. Telephone: 202-720-1400. E-mail: frederick.petok@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirements contained in the Notice of Funds Availability for the Section 9004 Repowering Assistance Payments to Eligible Biorefineries program published on June 12, 2009, were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under emergency clearance procedures and assigned OMB Control Number 0570-0058. As noted in the June 12, 2009 notice, the Agency sought emergency clearance to comply with the time frames mandated by a Presidential Memorandum in order to implement the Program as quickly as possible, having determined that providing for public comment under the normal procedure would unduly delay the provision of benefits associated with this Program and be contrary to the public interest. Now, however, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Agency is seeking standard OMB approval of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements contained in the interim rule. In the publication of the proposed rule on April 16, 2010, the Agency solicited comments on the estimated burden. The Agency received no comments in response to this solicitation. This information collection requirement will not become effective until approved by OMB. Upon approval of this information collection, the Agency will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Overview

Federal Agency Name: Rural Business-Cooperative Service (an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture in the Rural Development mission area).

Payment Proposal Title: Repowering Assistance Program.

Announcement Type: Initial announcement.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number. The CFDA number for this Notice is 10.866.

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