

be dependent on slope and the potential for erosion.

- Use only the sterile variety of giant miscanthus cultivar known as the "Illinois Clone" within the proposed project areas; all Illinois Clone cultivars must be approved for planting under Aloterra's membership through the Ohio Seed Improvement Association's Quality Assurance program.

- Initiate a seed sampling program to determine the on-going sterility of seeds produced from the acres within the project areas. The seed sampling program includes recommended actions specified in the mitigation and monitoring plan, including eradication, if a seed sample returns viable seed.

- Exclusion of planting giant miscanthus on certain acreage within the project areas, depending upon certain site-specific conditions specified in the mitigation and monitoring plan, like those lands subject to frequent flooding events.

- Develop monitoring program to identify:

- (1) Notify both United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the project sponsors of any spread of giant miscanthus outside of planted fields as soon as possible after identification of the spread,

- (2) Notify the project sponsors of the identification of diseases and pests as soon as possible after identification and;

- (3) Include wildlife use or changes in use in the annual producer report specify all; a USDA representative will conduct an annual field visit to monitor the site and to look for potential spread of Miscanthus beyond the site and;

- (4) USDA will work with local weed control districts to provide additional monitoring and evaluation of the sites as appropriate.

- Annual producer reporting, to include land use tracking with the average and total size of enrolled fields; prior land use; rationale for land use change; spread of giant miscanthus outside of planted fields; any pests or diseases identification; the use of pesticides or herbicides to control unwanted spread of giant miscanthus or pests or diseases; BMP and CPS incorporated into field management, such as erosion control structures or materials, vegetative barriers, etc.; fertilizer usage and application methods; and cost data.

Determination

In accordance with NEPA and FSA environmental regulations at 7 CFR part 799 that implemented the regulation of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), I find that the Proposed Action and associated

mitigation measures do not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, no environmental impact statement will be prepared.

I make these findings and determination today, May 23, 2011, in Washington, DC, effective immediately. This notice will be published on our Web site and in the **Federal Register**.

Signed: May 20, 2011.

Bruce Nelson,

Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation, and Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Pennington County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pennington County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Rapid City, SD. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110–343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the meetings is to accept, review and approve project proposals for Pennington County.

DATES: The meetings will be held June 21 and June 28, 2011, at 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Mystic Ranger District Office at 8221 South Highway 16. Written comments should be sent to Robert J. Thompson, 8221 South Highway 16, Rapid City, SD 57702. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to rjthompson@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 605–343–7134.

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 Mystic Ranger District office. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead at 605–343–1567 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert J. Thompson, District Ranger, Mystic Ranger District, 605–343–1567. 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: Meetings are open to the public. The following business will be conducted: Accept, review, discussion and approval of project proposals. Persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting.

Dated: May 18, 2011.

Craig Bobzien,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Loan Guarantees Under Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program (GRRHP) for Fiscal Year 2011

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: NOFA.

SUMMARY: This is a request for proposals for guaranteed loans under the section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program (GRRHP) pursuant to 7 CFR 3565.4 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011. The Department of Defense and Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Pub. L. 112–20) (April 15, 2011) appropriated approximately \$31,000,000 to the Agency for FY 2011 funding for the section 538 program. The commitment of program dollars will be made first to approved and complete applications from prior years NOFA, then to applicants of selected responses in the order they are ranked under this NOFA that have fulfilled the necessary requirements for obligation.

Expenses incurred in developing applications will be at the applicant's risk. The following paragraphs outline the timeframes, eligibility requirements, lender responsibilities, and the overall response and application processes.

Eligible lenders are invited to submit responses for new construction and acquisition with rehabilitation of affordable rural rental housing. The Agency will review responses submitted by eligible lenders, on the lender's letterhead, and signed by both the prospective borrower and lender. Although a complete application is not required in response to this NOFA, eligible lenders may submit a complete application concurrently with the response. Submitting a complete application will not have any effect on the respondent's NOFA response score.

DATES: Eligible responses to this NOFA will be accepted per this guidance until

December 30, 2011, 12 p.m. Eastern Time. Selected responses that develop into complete applications and meet all Federal eligibility requirements will receive conditional commitments until all funds are expended. Selected responses to this NOFA that are deemed eligible for further processing after September 30, 2011, will be funded to the extent an appropriation act provides funding for GRRHP for FY 2012 and will be subject to any additional limitations that may be in the FY 2012 NOFA.

Eligible lenders mailing a response or application must provide sufficient time to permit delivery to the *submission address* on or before the closing deadline date and time. Acceptance by a U.S. Post Office or private mailer does not constitute delivery. Postage due responses and applications will not be accepted.

Submission Address: Eligible lenders will send responses to the Multi-family Housing Program Director of the State Office where the project will be located.

USDA Rural Development State Offices, their addresses, and telephone numbers, follow: [this information may also be found at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd_map.html].

Note: Telephone numbers listed are not toll-free.

Alabama State Office, 4121 Carmichael Road, Suite 601, Sterling Centre, Montgomery, AL 36106-3683, (334) 279-3400, TDD (334) 279-3495.

Alaska State Office, 800 West Evergreen, Suite 201, Palmer, AK 99645, (907) 761-7740, TDD (907) 761-8905.

Arizona State Office, 230 North First Avenue, Suite 206, Phoenix, AZ 85003-1706, (602) 280-8755, TDD (602) 280-8706.

Arkansas State Office, 700 W. Capitol Avenue, Room 3416, Little Rock, AR 72201-3225, (501) 301-3200, TDD (501) 301-3279.

California State Office, 430 G Street, #4169, Davis, CA 95616-4169, (530) 792-5800, TDD (530) 792-5848.

Colorado State Office, 655 Parfet Street, Room E100, Lakewood, CO 80215, (720) 544-2915, TDD (800) 659-2656.

Connecticut: Served by Massachusetts State Office.

Delaware and Maryland State Office, 1221 College Park Drive, Suite 200, Dover, DE 19904, (302) 857-3580, TDD (302) 857-3585.

Florida & Virgin Islands State Office, 4440 N.W. 25th Place, P.O. Box 147010, Gainesville, FL 32614-7010, (352) 338-3400, TDD (352) 338-3499.

Georgia State Office, Stephens Federal Building, 355 E. Hancock Avenue—Stop 307, Athens, GA 30601-2768, (706) 546-2162, TDD (706) 546-2034.

Hawaii State Office, (Services all Hawaii, American Samoa Guam, and Western Pacific), Room 311, Federal Building, 154 Waiuanue Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720, (808) 933-8380, TDD (808) 933-8321.

Idaho State Office, 9173 West Barnes Drive, Suite A1, Boise, ID 83709, (208) 378-5602, TDD (208) 378-5644.

Illinois State Office, 2118 West Park Court, Suite A, Champaign, IL 61821-2986, (217) 403-6200, TDD (217) 403-6240.

Indiana State Office, 5975 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46278-1966, (317) 290-3100 (ext. 4), TDD (317) 290-3343.

Iowa State Office, 210 Walnut Street, Room 873, Des Moines, IA 50273, (515) 284-4663, TDD (515) 284-4858.

Kansas State Office, 1303 SW First American Place, Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66604-4040, (785) 271-2700, TDD (785) 271-2767.

Kentucky State Office, 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40503, (859) 224-7300, TDD (859) 224-7422.

Louisiana State Office, 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, LA 71302, (318) 473-7921, TDD (318) 473-7655.

Maine State Office, 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite 4, Bangor, ME 04402-0405, (207) 990-9100 (ext. 4), TDD (207) 942-7331.

Maryland: Served by Delaware State Office.

Massachusetts, Connecticut, & Rhode Island State Office, 451 West Street, Suite 2, Amherst, MA 01002, (413) 253-4300, TDD (413) 253-4590.

Michigan State Office, 3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 200, East Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 324-5190, TDD (517) 324-5169.

Minnesota State Office, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 410, St. Paul, MN 55101-1853, (651) 602-7800, TDD (651) 602-7830.

Mississippi State Office, Federal Building, Suite 831, 100 W. Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39269, (601) 965-4318, TDD (601) 965-5850.

Missouri State Office, 601 Business Loop 70 West, Parkade Center, Suite 235, Columbia, MO 65203, (573) 876-0976, TDD (573) 876-9480.

Montana State Office, 2229 Boot Hill Court, Bozeman, MT 59715, (406) 585-2540, TDD (406) 585-2562.

Nebraska State Office, Federal Building, Room 152, 100 Centennial Mall N, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 437-5551, TDD (402) 437-5093.

Nevada State Office, 1390 South Curry Street, Carson City, NV 89703-9910, (775) 887-1222 (ext. 100), TDD (775) 885-0633.

New Hampshire State Office, 10 Ferry Street, Concord, NH 03301-5004, Suite 218, Box 317, (603) 223-6046, TDD (802) 828-6365.

New Jersey State Office, 8000 Midlantic Drive, 5th Floor North Suite 500, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054, (856) 787-7700, TDD (856) 787-7730.

New Mexico State Office, 6200 Jefferson Street NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 761-4950, TDD (505) 761-4938.

New York State Office, The Galleries of Syracuse, 441 S. Salina Street, Suite 357, Syracuse, NY 13202-2425, (315) 477-6400, TDD (315) 477-6447.

North Carolina State Office, 4405 Bland Road, Suite 260, Raleigh, NC 27609, (919) 873-2000, TDD 711 (state relay system).

North Dakota State Office, Federal Building, Room 208, 220 East Rosser, P.O. Box 1737, Bismarck, ND 58502, (701) 530-2061, TDD (701) 530-2090.

Ohio State Office, Federal Building, Room 507, 200 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215-2477, (614) 255-2400, TDD (800) 877-8339.

Oklahoma State Office, 100 USDA, Suite 108, Stillwater, OK 74074-2654, (405) 742-1000, TDD (405) 742-1007.

Oregon State Office, 1201 NE. Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 801, Portland, OR 97232-1274, (503) 414-3300, TDD (503) 414-3387.

Pennsylvania State Office, One Credit Union Place, Suite 330, Harrisburg, PA 17110-2996, (717) 237-2299, TDD 711 (state relay system).

Puerto Rico State Office, 654 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 601, San Juan, PR 00918, (787) 766-5095, TDD (787) 766-5332.

Rhode Island: Served by Massachusetts State Office.

South Carolina State Office, Strom Thurmond Federal Building, 1835 Assembly Street, Room 1007, Columbia, SC 29201, (803) 765-5163, TDD (803) 765-5697.

South Dakota State Office, Federal Building, Room 210, 200 Fourth Street, SW., Huron, SD 57350, (605) 352-1100, TDD (605) 352-1147.

Tennessee State Office, 3322 West End Avenue, Suite 300, Nashville, TN 37203, (615) 783-1300, TDD (615) 783-1397.

Texas State Office, Federal Building, Suite 102, 101 South Main, Temple, TX 76501, (254) 742-9700, TDD (254) 742-9712.

Utah State Office, Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building, 125 S. State Street, Room 4438, Salt Lake City, UT 84138, (801) 524-4320, TDD (801) 524-3309.

Vermont State Office, City Center, 3rd Floor, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602, (802) 828-6080, TDD (802) 223-6365.

Virgin Islands: Served by Florida State Office.

Virginia State Office, 1606 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 238, Richmond, VA 23229, (804) 287-1500, TDD (804) 287-1753.

Washington State Office, 1835 Black Lake Blvd. SW., Suite B, Olympia, WA 98512, (360) 704-7740, TDD (360) 704-7772.

Western Pacific Territories: Served by Hawaii State Office.

West Virginia State Office, Federal Building, 1550 Earl Core Road, Suite 101, Morgantown, WV 26505, (304) 284-4881, TDD (304) 284-4836.

Wisconsin State Office, 4949 Kirschling Court, Stevens Point, WI 54481, (715) 345-7600, TDD (715) 345-7614.

Wyoming State Office, P.O. Box 11005, Casper, WY 82602, (307) 233-6700, TDD (307) 233-6733.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Monica Cole, Financial and Loan Analyst, USDA Rural Development Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program, Multi-Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, South Agriculture Building, Room 1263, STOP 0781, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0781. *E-mail:* monica.cole@wdc.usda.gov. *Telephone:* (202) 720-1251. This number is not toll-free. Hearing or speech-impaired persons may access that number by calling the Federal Information Relay Service toll-free at (800) 877-8339.

Overview

Federal Agency: Rural Housing Service.

Solicitation Opportunity Title: Guaranteed Multi-Family Housing Loans.

Announcement Type: Initial Solicitation Announcement.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: 10.438.

Dates: Response Deadline: December 30, 2011, 12 p.m. Eastern Time.

Funding Opportunity Description:

The GRRHP is authorized by section 538 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1490p-2) and operates under 7 CFR part 3565. The GRRHP Origination and Servicing Handbook (HB-1-3565) is available to provide lenders and the general public with guidance on program administration. HB-1-3565, which contains a copy of 7 CFR part 3565 in Appendix 1, can be found at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/regs/Handbooks.html#hbw6>. The purpose of the GRRHP is to increase the supply of affordable rural rental housing through the use of loan guarantees that

encourage partnerships between the Agency, private lenders, and public agencies.

Eligibility of Prior Year Selected Notice of Funding Availability Responses

Prior fiscal year response selections that did not develop into complete applications within the time constraints stipulated by the corresponding State Office have been cancelled. Applicants have been notified of the cancellation by the State Office. A new response for the project may be submitted subject to the conditions of this NOFA.

Prior years NOFA responses that were selected by the Agency, with a complete application (including all Federal environmental documents required by 7 CFR part 1940, subpart G, and a Form RD 3565-1 "Application for Loan and Guarantee") submitted by the lender within 90 days from the date of notification of response selection (unless an extension was granted by the Agency), will be eligible for any FY 2011 program dollars without having to complete a FY 2011 response. Outstanding prior years approved applications were obligated to the extent of available funding in order of priority score with the highest scores obligated first. In the case of tied scores, the project with the greatest leveraging (lowest Loan to Cost) received selection priority. Once the outstanding prior years approved applications have been funded, the Agency will select FY 2011 responses for further processing in rank order as determined by the scoring criteria set forth in this NOFA to the extent that funds remain available.

Qualifying Properties: Qualifying properties include new construction for multi-family housing units and the acquisition of existing structures with a minimum per unit rehabilitation expenditure requirement in accordance with 7 CFR 3565.252.

Also eligible is the revitalization, repair and transfer (as stipulated in 7 CFR 3560.406) of existing direct section 515 housing (transfer costs are subject to Agency approval and must be an eligible use of loan proceeds as listed in 7 CFR 3565.205) and properties involved in the Agency's MPR program. Equity payment, as stipulated 7 CFR 3560.406, in the transfer of existing direct section 515 housing, is an eligible use of guaranteed loan proceeds, however the amount of funding available for transfers of existing section 515 properties involving equity payments will be limited to 25 percent of the FY 2011 funding level through August 31, 2011. Once the Agency has committed 25 percent of the total funding available for transfers of

existing section 515 properties with equity payments, no further funding will be available for transfers of existing section 515 properties with equity payments until after August 31, 2011, if funding is available. If there is funding available after August 31, 2011, funding requests for transfers of existing 515 properties involving equity payments will be obligated in the order the obligation request was received at the National Office. Funding requests for transfers of existing 515 properties involving equity payments will be kept in a separate queue. The 25 percent limit is solely for equity payments and does not affect 515 properties' use of 538 loans for rehabilitation and repairs. In order to be considered, the transfer of direct section 515 housing and MPR projects must need repairs and undergo revitalization of a minimum of \$6,500 per unit.

Eligible Financing Sources: Any form of Federal, state, and conventional sources of financing can be used in conjunction with the loan guarantee, including Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) grant funds, tax exempt bonds, and low income housing tax credits.

Types Of Guarantees: The Agency offers three types of guarantees which are set forth at 7 CFR 3565.52(c).

The Agency's liability under any guarantee will decrease or increase, in proportion to any decrease or increase in the amount of the unpaid portion of the loan, up to the maximum amount specified in the Loan Note Guarantee. Penalties incurred as a result of default are not covered by any of the program's guarantees. The Agency may provide a lesser guarantee based upon its evaluation of the credit quality of the loan.

Energy Conservation: USDA Rural Development has adopted a policy that all new multi-family housing projects financed in whole or in part by the USDA, will be encouraged to engage in sustainable building development that emphasizes energy-efficiency and conservation. In order to assist in the achievement of this goal, any GRRHP project that participates in one or all of the programs included in priority 6 under the Scoring of Priority Criteria for Selection of Projects section of this NOFA, may receive a maximum of twenty (20) additional points added to their project score. Participation in these nationwide initiatives is voluntary, but strongly encouraged.

Interest Credit: The FY 2011 appropriation act did not fund interest credit.

Surcharges for Guarantee of Construction Advances: There is no

surcharge for the guarantee of construction advances for FY 2011.

Program Fees for FY 2011: As a condition of receiving a loan guarantee, and as provided in 7 CFR 3565.302, the Agency will charge the following fees to the lender responding to the FY 2011 NOFA. The fees are as follows:

- (1) No application fee for lenders submitting an application.
- (2) No initial guarantee fee for lenders submitting an application.
- (3) No annual guarantee fee for lenders submitting an application.
- (4) A flat fee of \$500 when a lender requested USDA Rural Development to extend the term of a guarantee commitment.
- (5) A flat fee of \$500 when a lender requested USDA Rural Development to reopen an application when a commitment had expired.
- (6) A flat fee of \$1,250 when a lender requested USDA Rural Development to approve the transfer of property and assumption of the loan to an eligible prospective borrower.
- (7) No lender application fee for lender approval.

Eligibility Information

Eligible Lenders: An eligible lender for the section 538 GRRHP as required by 7 CFR 3565.102 must be a licensed business entity or Housing Finance Agency (HFA) in good standing in the state or states where it conducts business. Lender eligibility requirements are contained in 7 CFR 3565.102. Please review 7 CFR 3565.102 for a complete list of all of the criteria.

The Agency will only accept responses from GRRHP eligible or approved lenders as described in 7 CFR 3565.102 and 3565.103 respectively.

GRRHP Lender Approval Application: Lenders whose responses are selected will be notified by the USDA Rural Development to submit a request for GRRHP lender approval application within 30 days of notification. Lenders who request GRRHP approval must meet the standards in the 7 CFR part 3565 and provide the documentation set forth in GRRHP Origination and Servicing Handbook (HB-1-3565) found at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Handbooks.html#hbw6> (and available in any local RD office).

Lenders that have received GRRHP lender approval in the past and are in good standing do not need to reapply for GRRHP lender approval. A lender making a construction loan must demonstrate an ability to originate and service construction loans, in addition to meeting the other requirements of 7 CFR part 3565, subpart C.

Submission of Documentation For GRRHP Lender Approval: All lenders that have not yet received GRRHP lender approval must submit a complete lender application to: Director, Multi-Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Division, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 1263, STOP 0781, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0781. Lender applications must be identified as “Lender Application—Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program” on the envelope.

Discussion of NOFA Response Requirements

Content of NOFA Responses: All responses require lender information and project specific data as set out in this NOFA. Incomplete responses will not be considered for funding. Lenders will be notified of incomplete responses no later than 30 calendar days from the date of receipt of the NOFA response by the Agency. Complete responses are to include a signed cover letter from the lender on the lender’s letterhead to the office address identified in the NOFA for the scoring and ranking of a proposed GRRHP project. The lender must provide the requested information concerning the project, to establish the purpose of the proposed project, its location, and how it meets the established priorities for funding. The Agency will determine the highest ranked responses based on priority criteria and a threshold score.

(1) *Lender Certification*—The lender must certify that the lender will make a loan to the prospective borrower for the proposed project, under specified terms and conditions subject to the issuance of the GRRHP guarantee. Lender certification must be on the lender’s letterhead and signed by both the lender and the prospective borrower.

(2) *Project Specific Data*—The lender must submit the project specific data below on the lender’s letterhead, signed by both the lender and the prospective borrower:

Data element	Information that must be included
Lender Name	Insert the lender’s name.
Lender Tax ID #	Insert lender’s tax ID #.
Lender Contact Name	Name of the lender contact for loan.
Mailing Address	Lender’s complete mailing address.
Phone #	Phone # for lender contact.
Fax #	Insert lender’s fax #.
E-mail Address	Insert lender contact e-mail address.
Borrower Name and Organization Type	State whether borrower is a Limited Partnership, Corporation, Indian Tribe, etc.
Equal Opportunity Survey	Optional Completion
Tax Classification Type	State whether borrower is for profit, not for profit, etc.
Borrower Tax ID #	Insert borrower’s tax ID #.
Borrower DUNS #	Insert DUNS number.
Borrower Address, including County	Insert borrower’s address and county.
Borrower Phone #, fax number and e-mail address	Insert borrower’s phone #, fax number and e-mail address.
Principal or Key Member for the Borrower	Insert name and title. List the general partners if a limited partnership, officers if a corporation or members of a Limited Liability Corporation.
Borrower Information and Statement of Housing Development Experience.	Attach relevant information.
New Construction, Acquisition With Rehabilitation, or the Revitalization, Repair, and Transfer (as stipulated in 7 CFR 3560.406) of Existing Direct Section 515 Housing or MPR.	State whether the project is new construction or acquisition with rehabilitation. Transfer costs, including equity payments, are subject to Agency approval and must be an eligible use of loan proceeds in 7 CFR 3565.205.
Project Location Town or City	Town or city in which the project is located.
Project County	County in which the project is located.
Project State	State in which the project is located.
Project Zip Code	Insert zip code.

Data element	Information that must be included
Project Congressional District	Congressional District for project location.
Project Name	Insert project name.
Project Type	Family, senior (all residents 55 years or older), or mixed.
Property Description and Proposed Development Schedule	Provide as an attachment.
Total Project Development Cost	Enter amount for total project.
# of Units	Insert the # of units in the project.
Ratio of 3–5 bedroom units to total units	Insert percentage of 3–5 bedroom units to total units.
Cost Per Unit	Total development cost divided by # of units.
Rent	Proposed rent structure.
Median Income for Community	Provide median income for the community.
Evidence of Site Control	Attach relevant information.
Description of Any Environmental Issues	Attach relevant information.
Loan Amount	Insert the loan amount.
Borrower's Proposed Equity	Insert amount and source.
Tax Credits	Have tax credits been awarded? If tax credits were awarded, submit a copy of the award NOFA/evidence of award with your response. If not, when do you anticipate an award will be made (announced)? What is the [estimated] value of the tax credits? Letters of application and commitment letters should be included, if available.
Other Sources of Funds	List all funding sources other than tax credits and amounts for each source, type, rates and terms of loans or grant funds.
Loan to Total Development Cost	Guaranteed loan divided by the total development costs of project.
Debt Coverage Ratio	Net Operating Income divided by debt service payments.
Percentage of Guarantee	Percentage guarantee requested.
Collateral	Attach relevant information.
Colonia, Tribal Lands, or	Colonia, on an Indian Reservation, or
State's Consolidated Plan or State Needs Assessment	in a place identified in the State's Consolidated Plan or State Needs Assessment as a high need community for multi-family housing.
Is the Property Located in a Federally Declared Disaster Area	If yes, please provide documentation (i.e., Presidential Declaration document).
Population	Provide the population of the county, city, or town where the project is or will be located.
What type of guarantee is being requested, Permanent only (Option 1), Construction and Permanent (Option 2) or Continuous (Option 3)?	Enter the type of guarantee.
Loan Term	Minimum 25-year term. Maximum 40-year term (includes construction period). May amortize up to 40 years. Balloon mortgages permitted after the 25th year.

(3) *The Proposed Borrower*

(a) Lender certification that the borrower or principals of the owner are not barred from participating in Federal housing programs and are not delinquent on any Federal debt.

(b) Borrower's unaudited or audited financial statements.

(c) Statement of borrower's housing development experience.

(4) *Lender Eligibility and Approval Status*

Evidence that the lender is either an approved lender for the purposes of the GRRHP or that the lender is eligible to apply for approved lender status. The lender's application for approved lender status can be submitted with the response but must be submitted to the National Office within 30 calendar days of the lender's receipt of the "Notice to Proceed with Application Processing" letter.

(5) *Competitive Criteria*

Information that shows how the proposal is responsive to the selection criteria specified in the NOFA.

Response Review Information

Scoring of Priority Criteria for Selection of Projects: All 2011 responses will be scored based on the criteria set forth below to establish their priority for being selected for further processing. Per 7 CFR 3565.5 (b), priority will be given to projects: in smaller rural communities, in the most needy communities having the highest percentage of leveraging, having the lowest interest rate, or having the highest ratio of 3–5 bedroom units to total units. In addition, priority points will be given for projects involved in the Agency's MPR or projects that are participating in specified energy efficient programs.

The six priority scoring criteria for projects are listed below.

Priority 1—Projects located in eligible rural communities with the lowest populations will receive the highest points.

Population size	Points
0–5,000	20

Population size	Points
5,001–10,000 people	15
10,001–15,000 people	10
15,001–20,000 people	5

Priority 2—The neediest communities as determined by the median income from the most recent census data published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), will receive points. The Agency will allocate points to projects located in communities having the lowest median income. Points for median income will be awarded as follows:

Median income (dollars)	Points
Less than \$45,000	20
\$45,000—less than \$55,000	15
\$55,000—less than \$65,000	10
\$65,000—less than \$75,000	5
\$75,000 or more	0

Priority 3—Projects that demonstrate partnering and leveraging in order to develop the maximum number of units

and promote partnerships with state and local communities will also receive points. Points will be awarded as follows:

Loan to total development cost ratio (percentage %)	Points
Less than 50	30
Less than 70—50	10
70 or more	0

Priority 4—The USDA Rural Development will award points to projects with the highest ratio of 3–5 bedroom units to total units as follows:

Ratio of 3–5 bedroom units to total units	Points
More than 50%	10
21%—50%	5
Less than 21%—more than 0%	1

Priority 5—NOFA responses for the revitalization, repair, and transfer (as stipulated in 7 CFR 3560.406) of existing direct section 515 housing and properties involved in the Agency’s MPR program (transfer costs, including equity payments, are subject to Agency approval and must be an eligible use of loan proceeds listed in 7 CFR 3565.205) will receive an additional 10 points.

Priority 6—Projects that are energy-efficient and certified by the following programs will receive twenty (20) additional points:

(1) Green Communities sponsored by The Enterprise Foundation (<http://www.enterprisefoundation.org>) or

(2) LEED for Homes Program by the U.S. Green Builders (USGBC) (<http://www.usgbc.org>) or

(3) National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) ICC 700–2008 National Green Building Standard™ (<http://www.nahb.org>) or

(4) Any other program, specific to a state or region that is similar to the above three and is approved by the Agency.

Notifications: Responses will be reviewed for completeness and eligibility. The USDA Rural Development will notify those lenders whose responses are selected via a Notice to Proceed with Application Processing letter. The USDA Rural Development will request lenders without GRRHP lender approval to apply for GRRHP lender approval within 30 days upon receipt of notification of selection.

Lenders will also be invited to submit a complete application to the USDA Rural Development State Office where the project is located.

Submission of GRRHP Applications: Notification letters will instruct lenders

to contact the USDA Rural Development State Office immediately following notification of selection to schedule required agency reviews.

USDA Rural Development State Office staff will work with lenders in the development of an application package. The deadline for the submission of a complete application is 90 days from the date of notification of response selection. If the application is not received by the appropriate State Office within 90 days from the date of notification, the selection is subject to cancellation, thereby allowing another response that is ready to proceed with processing to be selected. The Agency may extend this 90-day deadline for receipt of an application at its own discretion.

Award Administration Information

Obligation of Program Funds: The Agency will only obligate funds to projects that meet the requirements for obligation under 7 CFR part 3565 and this NOFA, including having undergone a satisfactory environmental review in accordance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and completed Form RD 3565–1 for the selected project.

The Agency will prioritize the obligation requests using the highest score and the procedures outlined as follows. The Agency will select the responses that meet eligibility criteria and invite lenders to submit complete applications to the Agency. Once a complete application is received and approved, the Agency’s State Office will submit a request to obligate funds to the Agency’s National Office. Starting on the Friday following the date the annual appropriation bill has passed, obligation requests submitted to the National Office will be accumulated, but not obligated throughout the week until midnight Eastern Time every Thursday. To the extent that funds remain available, the Agency will obligate the requests accumulated through the weekly request deadline of the previous week by the following Tuesday (*i.e.*, requests received from Friday, May 13, 2011, to Thursday, May 19, 2011, will be obligated by Tuesday, May 24, 2011). In the event of a tie, priority will be given to the request for the project that: 1st—has the highest percentage of leveraging (lowest Loan to Cost) and in the event there is still a tie;—is in the smaller rural community.

Conditional Commitment: Once the required documents for obligation are received and all NEPA and regulatory requirements have been met, the USDA Rural Development State Office will issue a conditional commitment, which

stipulates the conditions that must be fulfilled before the issuance of a guarantee, in accordance with 7 CFR 3565.303.

Issuance of Guarantee: The USDA Rural Development Office will issue a guarantee to the lender for a project in accordance with 7 CFR 3565.303. No guarantee can be issued without a complete application, review of appropriate certifications, satisfactory assessment of the appropriate level of environmental review, and the completion of any conditional requirements.

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CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a change in the membership of the Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board for the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB).

DATES: Effective May 26, 2011.

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