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 Aloaterra’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 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 Conservation 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.

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, 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.
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 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.rd.usda.gov/rdcd_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.


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

Colorado State Office, 655 Parfit Street, Room E100, Lakewood, CO 80215–720, (303) 544–2915, TDD (800) 659–2656.

Connecticut: Served by Massachusetts State Office.


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.


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


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


Maine State Office, 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite 4, Bangor, ME 04404–0045, (207) 990–9100 (ext. 4), TDD (207) 942–7331.

Maryland: Served by Delaware State Office.


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


Mississippi State Office, Federal Building, Suite 831, 100 W. Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39269, (601) 975–4318, TDD (601) 975–3550.


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 Western Pacific), Room 311, New York State Office, City Center, 3rd Floor, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602, (802) 828–6000, 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.
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.

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.htm#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 with 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 exemppt 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.

Surcharge for Guarantee of Construction Advances: There is no
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](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 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.

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**Borrower Information and Statement of Housing Development Experience:**

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.

| 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. |
(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 needly
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.

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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:

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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:

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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:

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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.

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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To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 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: May 18, 2011.

Tammye H. Trevino,
Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Lau, Human Resources Director, (202) 261–7600.