

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Sabine Resource Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Sabine Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Hemphill, Texas. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with the title II of the Act. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss New Title II Project Proposals.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, July 7, 2011, 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sabine NF Office, 5050 State Hwy 21 East, Hemphill, TX 75948. Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

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 5050 State Hwy 21 East, Hemphill, TX 75948. Please call ahead to (409) 625-1940 to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William E. Taylor, Jr., Designated Federal Officer, Sabine National Forest, 5050 State Hwy. 21 E., Hemphill, TX 75948; Telephone: 936-639-8501 or e-mail at: etaylor@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. Requests for reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings may be made by contacting the person listed **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following business will be conducted: The purpose of the meeting is to discuss/approve New Title II Project Proposals. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. The agenda

will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by July 1, 2011 to be scheduled on the agenda. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to 5050 State Hwy 21 East, Hemphill, TX 75948 or by e-mail to etaylor@fs.fed.us or via facsimile to 409-625-1953.

Dated: June 8, 2011.

William E. Taylor, Jr.,
Designated Federal Officer, Sabine National Forest RAC.

[FR Doc. 2011-14638 Filed 6-14-11; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-11-P

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on June 24, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Headquarters Office, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA. During this meeting information will be shared about Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Travel Management Planning, Forest Plan Revision and an overview of forest activities that have occurred during the past year. All Eastern Washington Cascades and Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Clint Kyhl, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, phone 509-664-9200.

Dated: June 8, 2011.

Clinton Kyhl,
Designated Federal Official, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest.

[FR Doc. 2011-14735 Filed 6-14-11; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-11-P

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Rural Housing Service****Project Waiver of Section 1605 (Buy American Requirements) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) for the Haywood County, North Carolina, Social Services, Adaptive Renovation Project**

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) grants a project waiver of the Buy American Requirements [manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality] of ARRA, to Haywood County, North Carolina, (County) for the purchase of foreign-manufactured Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) equipment for an adaptive reuse renovation project for the Haywood County Department of Social Services. This is a project-specific waiver under section 1605(b)(2) of ARRA. This waiver only applies to the use of the specified product for the ARRA project being proposed. Any other ARRA recipient that wishes to use the same product must apply for a separate waiver based on project-specific circumstances. The County-proposed HVAC improvements were selected to address the unique conditions presented by the existing building. Based upon information submitted by the County and its consultants, it was determined that the HVAC equipment that will meet the County's design and performance specifications is manufactured only by Daikin of Japan and Thailand. This determination is based on the review and recommendations of the Rural Development Buy American Coordinator. The County, through its design engineer, has provided sufficient documentation to support its request. The Under Secretary for Rural Development has concurred in this decision to waive section 1605 of ARRA. This action permits the purchase of a Daikin VRV III HVAC unit. This unit addresses the operational requirements to heat and cool simultaneously, perform very efficiently, and is compatible and adaptable to the space restrictions created by the existing facility.

DATES: June 15, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Dallas Tonsager, Under Secretary, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 205-

W, Washington, DC 20250-0107, (202) 720-4581.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Downs, Senior Architect, Program Support Staff, (202) 720-1499, Rural Housing Service, Stop 0761, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0761.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with ARRA section 1605(c) and pursuant to section 1605(b)(2), USDA hereby provides notice that it is granting a project-specific waiver of the Buy American Requirements of ARRA, to Haywood County, North Carolina, for the purchase of HVAC equipment, manufactured by Daikin of Japan for the Haywood County Department of Social Services Adaptive Reuse, Renovation Project.

I. Background

Section 1605(a) of ARRA requires that none of the appropriated funds may be used for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States, or unless a waiver is provided to the recipient by the head of the appropriate department or agency, here, the Secretary of USDA. According to section 1605(b) of ARRA, a waiver may be granted if the Secretary determines that (1) applying these requirements would be inconsistent with public interest; (2) iron, steel, and manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or (3) inclusion of iron, steel, and manufactured goods produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent. The County has requested a waiver from the Buy American Requirement for the purchase of HVAC equipment suitable for the conditions of the existing facility.

The purchase of the new HVAC equipment is intended to provide the specified conditioning for the Haywood County Department of Social Services Adaptive Reuse, Renovation project. The estimated cost of the overall improvements to the County's Social Services building project is \$5.2 million. In designing the HVAC equipment, the designers of record evaluated the various technologies based on the following factors:

- The project requirements include addressing the limitations of space for HVAC equipment and the associated accessories.
- The project requires a very high-efficiency performance for the

conditions presented by the region and the requirement for simultaneous heating and cooling with the added benefit of using non-ozone depleting refrigerant.

- The project requires a system that uses inverter technology.

As part of an exhaustive review and search for potentially viable HVAC units, the County and their consultants determined that there is no domestic manufacturer of HVAC equipment that provides the specified performance and technical features required for this project.

According to the County, the only HVAC equipment that meets the technical specifications is not manufactured in the United States. As a result, the County requested a waiver of the ARRA Buy American provisions on the basis of nonavailability of a United States manufactured product that will meet the design and performance criteria specified for this HVAC system.

II. Nonavailability Finding

The evaluation by USDA's technical review team and architect supports the County's claim that a suitable HVAC system that meets the specifications for this project is not available in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality that are manufactured in the United States. USDA's technical review team and architects reviewed a memorandum submitted by the County describing the foreign equipment that fits the technical specifications for the HVAC equipment and the process the County followed in adopting the HVAC design. USDA's technical review team and architects conducted a nationwide review of equipment vendors, manufacturers' representatives, and associated resources typically relied on by designers of HVAC equipment. The purpose of USDA's review process was to determine whether there was any HVAC equipment manufactured in the United States that meets the County's design specifications and performance requirements. As a result of this review, the Secretary has determined that, based on the available information, and to the best of USDA's knowledge, there is no HVAC equipment manufactured in the United States that meets the County's design specifications and performance requirements for the County's Social Services Adaptive Reuse, Renovation Project.

The Rural Development Buy American Coordinator has reviewed this waiver request and has determined that the supporting documentation provided by the County established a proper basis that the manufactured good was not

available from a producer in the United States able to meet the design specifications and performance requirements for the proposed project.

III. Waiver

Having established a proper basis that this manufactured good was not available from a producer in the United States, the County is hereby granted a waiver from the Buy American requirements. This waiver permits use of ARRA funds for the purchase of the specified Daikin VRV III heat recovery system documented in the County's waiver request submittal dated February 18, 2011, as part of its Social Services Adaptive Reuse, Renovation Project. This supplementary information constitutes the detailed written justification required by section 1605(c) of ARRA for waivers "based on a finding under subsection (b)."

IV. Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination Requirements

USDA prohibits discrimination in all of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and, where applicable, sex, marital 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 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."

Authority: Public Law 111-5, Section 1605.

Signed in Washington, DC on June 8, 2011.

Thomas J. Vilsack,

Secretary of Agriculture.

[FR Doc. 2011-14738 Filed 6-14-11; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-XV-P