

c. Quotes for Professional Engineering Services considered (minimum of two quotes): Rationale for selection of engineering firm, if already selected.

d. Letters of Support from Partners, Individuals, or Organizations: Letters of support shall be included in an appendix and are intended to display the degree of collaboration occurring between the different entities engaged in the project. These letters shall include partner commitments of cash or in-kind services from all those listed in the SF424 and SF 424A. Each letter of support is limited to one page in length.

e. Federal Funds: List all other Federal funds received for this project within the last three years. List agency, program name, and dollar amount.

f. Miscellaneous, such as schematics.

g. Last three years of federal income tax returns.

h. Administrative Forms: SF 424, SF424A, SF 424B and AD 1047, 1048, 1049 and certificate regarding lobbying activities are standard forms that shall be included in the application. These forms can be accessed at <http://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/tmu> under 2012 Woody Biomass Grant Program.

Dated: December 30, 2011.

**Robin L. Thompson,**

*Associate Deputy Chief, State & Private Forestry.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Agricultural Statistics Service

#### Notice of Intent To Request Revision and Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

**AGENCY:** National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request revision and extension of a currently approved information collection for Field Crops Production. Revision to burden hours will be needed due to changes in the size of the target population, sampling design, and/or questionnaire length.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by April 6, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535-0002, by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [ombofficer@nass.usda.gov](mailto:ombofficer@nass.usda.gov). Include docket number above in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* (202) 720-6396.

- *Mail:* Mail any paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions to: David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Hand deliver to: David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joseph T. Reilly, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720-4333.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title:** Field Crops Production.

*OMB Control Number:* 0535-0002.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* June 30, 2012.

*Type of Request:* Intent to Seek Approval to Revise and Extend an Information Collection for 3 years.

*Abstract:* The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, prices, and disposition. The Field Crops Production Program consists of probability field crops surveys and supplemental panel surveys. The panel surveys capture unique crop characteristics such as the concentration of crops in localized geographical areas. These surveys are extremely valuable for commodities where acreage and yield are published at the county level.

*Authority:* These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985 as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents. This Notice is submitted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320. NASS also complies with OMB Implementation Guidance, "Implementation Guidance for Title V of the E-Government Act, Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA)," **Federal Register**, Vol. 72, No. 115, June 15, 2007, p. 33362.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this information collection is

based on a group of similar surveys with expected response times of 5-30 minutes and frequency of 1-40 times per year. Estimated number of responses per respondent is 1.38.

*Respondents:* Farms.

*Estimated Total Number of Respondents:* 525,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 150,000 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, at [ombofficer@nass.usda.gov](mailto:ombofficer@nass.usda.gov) or at (202) 690-2388.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, technological or other forms of information technology collection methods.

All responses to this notice will become a matter of public record and be summarized in the request for OMB approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, January 17, 2012.

**Joseph T. Reilly,**

*Associate Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

#### Guarantee Fee Rates for Guaranteed Loans for Fiscal Year 2012; Maximum Portion of Guarantee Authority Available for Fiscal Year 2012; Annual Renewal Fee for Fiscal Year 2012

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As set forth in 7 CFR 4279.107(b), the Agency has the authority to charge an annual renewal fee for loans made under the Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program. Pursuant to that authority, the Agency is establishing the renewal fee rate at one-fourth of 1 percent for the

B&I Guaranteed Loan Program. This rate will apply to all loans obligated in Fiscal Year 2012 that are made under the B&I program. As established in 7 CFR 4279.107, the amount of the fee on each guaranteed loan will be determined by multiplying the fee rate by the outstanding principal loan balance as of December 31, multiplied by the percent of guarantee.

The Agency has been authorized by the 2012 Appropriations Bill to charge a maximum of 3 percent for its guarantee fee for Fiscal Year 2012. As such, the guarantee fee for Fiscal Year 2012 will be 3 percent.

As set forth in 7 CFR 4279.107(a) and 4279.119(b)(4), each fiscal year the Agency shall establish a limit on the maximum portion of B&I guarantee authority available for that fiscal year that may be used to guarantee loans with a reduced guarantee fee or guaranteed loans with a guarantee percentage exceeding 80 percent.

Allowing a reduced guarantee fee or exceeding the 80 percent guarantee on certain B&I guaranteed loans that meet the conditions set forth in 7 CFR 4279.107 and 4279.119 will increase the Agency's ability to focus guarantee assistance on projects that the Agency has found particularly meritorious. For reduced guarantee fees, the borrower's business must support value-added agriculture and result in farmers benefiting financially or must be a high impact business investment as defined in 7 CFR 4279.155(b)(5) and be located in rural communities that remain persistently poor, that experience long-term population decline and job deterioration, that are experiencing trauma as a result of natural disaster, or that are experiencing fundamental structural changes in its economic base. For guaranteed loans exceeding 80 percent, such projects must be a high-priority project in accordance with 7 CFR 4279.155 (and meet the other requirements of 7 CFR 4279.119(b)).

Not more than 12 percent of the Agency's quarterly apportioned B&I guarantee authority will be reserved for loan requests with a reduced guarantee fee, and not more than 15 percent of the Agency's quarterly apportioned guarantee authority will be reserved for guaranteed loan requests with a guarantee percentage exceeding 80 percent. Once the respective quarterly limits are reached, all additional loans for that quarter will be at the standard fee and guarantee limits.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* February 6, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda Griffin, USDA, Rural Development, Business Programs,

Business and Industry Division, STOP 3224, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3224, telephone (202) 720-6802, email [brenda.griffin@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:brenda.griffin@wdc.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866, as amended by Executive Order 13258.

Dated: January 27, 2012.

**Judith A. Canales,**

*Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

#### Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Loan Guarantees Under the Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program (GRRHP) for Fiscal Year 2012

**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) 2012. The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012 (Pub. L. 112-55) (November 18, 2011) (2012 Appropriations Act) provides FY 2012 funding for the section 538 program at \$130,000,000. The commitment of program dollars will be made first to approved and complete applications from prior years notices, then to applicants of selected responses in the order they are ranked under this notice 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 Notice, 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 notice will be accepted until December 31, 2012, 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 notice that are deemed eligible for further processing after September 30, 2012, will be funded to the extent an appropriation act provides funding for GRRHP for FY 2013 and will be subject to any additional limitations that may be in the FY 2013 NOFA.

Eligible lenders mailing a response or application must provide sufficient time to permit delivery to the appropriate *submission address* below 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](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd_map.html)]

**Note:** Telephone numbers listed are not toll-free.

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

Alaska State Office, 800 West Evergreen, Suite 201, Palmer, AK 99645-6539, (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, Denver Federal Center, Building 56, Room 2300, PO Box 25426, Denver, CO 80255-0426, (720) 544-2903, TDD (720) 544-2976.

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