DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Applications for Licensing as a Non-Leveraged Rural Business Investment Company Under the Rural Business Investment Program

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the acceptance of applications from newly-formed Rural Business Investment Companies (RBICs) who are interested in being licensed as non-leveraged RBICs under the Agency’s Rural Business Investment Program (RBIP). The Agency intends to issue no more than one non-leveraged license in Fiscal Year 2012.

DATES: The Agency will begin accepting applications on August 6, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Address for application submission: Completed applications must be sent to Specialty Programs Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Mail Stop 3225, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–3225. Address for requesting information: Application materials and other information may be requested by writing to Director, Specialty Programs Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Mail Stop 3225, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–3225.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sophia Millar, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Wallowa Mountains Office, PO Box 905, Joseph, OR 97846, Phone: (541) 426–5540.

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Supplementary Information:

Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 defines “collection of information” as a requirement for “answers to * * * identical reporting or recordkeeping requirements imposed on ten or more persons” (44 U.S.C. 3502(3)(A)). The collection requirements associated with this Notice, is expected to receive less than ten respondents and therefore the Act does not apply.

Overview Information

Federal Agency Name. Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

Opportunity Title. Rural Business Investment Program for Non-leveraged RBICs.

Announcement Type. Initial announcement.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number. The CFDA number for the program impacted by this action is 10.860, Rural Business Investment Program.

Dates. The Agency will begin accepting applications for non-leveraged status on August 6, 2012.

Availability of Notice. This Notice is available on the USDA Rural Development Web site at: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_RBIP.html.

I. Opportunity Description

A. Purpose. The purpose of Subtitle H of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2009cc et seq.) (the “Act”) is to promote economic development and the creation of wealth and job opportunities in rural areas and among individuals living in those areas through venture capital investments by for-profit RBICs.

The purpose of this Notice is to license qualified RBICs as non-leveraged RBICs under the RBIP. Previously, the Agency only licensed qualified RBICs as leveraged RBICs.

B. Program authority. Subtitle H of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2009cc et seq.) establishes the Rural Business Investment Program.

C. Definition of Terms. The terms defined in 7 CFR part 4290 are applicable to this Notice.

II. Licensing Information

A. Number of Licenses. The Agency intends to issue no more than one non-leveraged license in Fiscal Year 2012. In Fiscal Year 2013, subject to sufficient administrative resources, the Agency intends to issue no more than three non-leveraged licenses.

B. Type of License. Non-leveraged.

III. Eligibility Information

Applicants and their applications are subject to the provisions of this Notice.
and to the provisions of 7 CFR part 4290. In order to be eligible for non-leveraged status under this Notice, the applicant must demonstrate that one or more Farm Credit System (FCS) institution(s) will invest in the RBIC and, individually or collectively, hold 10 percent or more of the applicant’s total capital.

IV. Application and Submission Information

A. Where to Obtain Applications. Applicants may obtain applications and other applicable application material from the Agency’s Specialty Programs Division, as provided in the ADDRESSES section of this Notice. Because applications will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis, the Agency recommends that potential applicants who plan to request application materials via mail request such materials as soon as possible.

Application materials may also be obtained via http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_RBIC.html or by contacting the Agency at the address and phone number provided in the ADDRESSES section of this Notice.

B. Content and Form of Submission. Applicants must submit applications in accordance with the application instructions contained in this Notice and in 7 CFR 4290, including a requirement that applications be submitted in hard copy form. Applications sent electronically or by facsimile will not be accepted.


Submit two complete, original hard copy sets of the RD Form 4290–1 and RD Form 4290–2 (excluding Exhibit P, which is required in electronic form only). Place each of the two original sets in a large 3-ring binder. Label the binders with the RBIC’s name. Submit one complete and unbound one-sided hard copy of the MAQ and Exhibits suitable for photocopying (i.e., no hole punches, staples, paper clips, tabs or binders).

Applicants must enclose in their submission a nonrefundable licensing fee of $500 in the form of a check payable to USDA.

C. When to be considered. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis starting August 6, 2012.

D. Where to Submit. The applicant must submit an original of the application to the Agency’s Specialty Programs Division as specified in the ADDRESSES section of this Notice.

E. How to Submit. Applicants may submit their applications via mail service.

V. Program Provisions

This section of the Notice identifies the procedures the Agency will use to process applicants for licensing as a non-leveraged RBIC. More information about the RBIP is available in the regulation at 7 CFR part 4290.

The Agency will select applicants for licensing as a non-leveraged RBIC on a first-come, first-served basis. For Fiscal Year 2012, the Agency intends to award no more than one non-leveraged license.

The Agency will review each application it receives in response to this Notice with regard to eligibility and completeness. If the application is incomplete, the Agency will notify the applicant of the missing information. The applicant must then provide the missing information in order for the Agency to further review the application.

As noted above, the Agency will select applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. The Agency will determine the order of applications based on the date the Agency receives a complete application. For example, if an application is received on July 1, but is incomplete, and the applicant supplies the Agency with the missing information on August 1, then that application will be considered for selection on the basis of the August 1 date—the date on which the Agency received a complete application.

Therefore, the Agency encourages applicants to ensure their applications are complete prior to submitting them.

Only those applications that are eligible will be processed further for determining whether the applicant will be licensed as a non-leveraged RBIC. The Agency anticipates being able to further process only one application in FY 2012. The Agency will not begin processing additional complete and eligible applications until the evaluation of the first application has been completed. Thus, most of the complete and eligible applications received in response to this Notice will be processed in FY 2013 and beyond in the order received.

For each application that receives further processing, the Agency will focus its assessment of the application on the contents of the newly-formed RBIC’s business plan with the goals of the RBIC program and on the applicant’s management team’s qualifications. Following this assessment, if the initial recommendation is favorable, the Agency, or its designee, will interview the applicant’s management team.

Based on the assessment and interview, a recommendation will be made as to whether or not to select the applicant for non-leveraged status. If the recommendation is favorable, the Agency will send to the applicant a Letter of Conditions (also known as a “Green Light” letter) and the applicant will be invited to submit an updated RD Form 4290—1, Part I, Management Assessment Questionnaire, and RD Form 4290—2, Part II, Exhibits. Upon receipt of the Letter of Conditions, the applicant has 24 months to raise their private equity capital. Once a selected applicant has achieved full compliance with the regulations governing licensing as an RBIC, the Agency will issue the non—leveraged license to the RBIC.

VI. Administrative Information Applicable to This Notice

A. Notifications

(1) Eligibility. If an applicant is determined by the Agency to be eligible for participation, the Agency will notify the applicant in writing. If an applicant is determined by the Agency to be ineligible, the Agency will notify the applicant, in writing, as to the reason(s) the applicant was rejected. Such applicant will have review and appeal rights as specified in this Notice.

(2) License. Each applicant will be notified of the Agency’s decision on their application.

B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

(1) Review or appeal rights. A person may seek a review of an adverse Agency decision under this Notice or appeal to the National Appeals Division in accordance with 7 CFR part 11.

(2) Notification of unfavorable decisions. If at any time prior to license approval it is decided that favorable action will not be taken, the Agency will notify the applicant in writing of the decision and of the reasons why issuing a non-leveraged license was not favorably considered. The notification will inform the applicant of its rights to an informal review, mediation, and appeal of the decision in accordance with 7 CFR part 11.

VII. Agency Contacts

For further information about this Notice or for assistance with the application process, please contact the Specialty Programs Division, STOP 3225, Room 6867, 1400 Independence
ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Performance Review Board Membership

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of the appointment of members to a performance review board for the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board).


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4314(c) of Title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations, one or more Senior Executive Service (SES) performance review boards. The function of the boards is to review and evaluate the initial appraisal of senior executives’ performance and make recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of these executives. Because of its small size, the Access Board has appointed SES career members from other federal agencies to serve on its performance review board. The members of the performance review board for the Access Board are:

- Craig Luigart, Chief Information Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs;
- Georgia Coffey, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Diversity and Inclusion, Department of Veterans Affairs;
- Henry Claypool, Principal Deputy Administrator, Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services.

David M. Capozzi, Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.
Title: Special Census Program.
OMB Control Number: 0607–0368.

Type of Request: Reinstatement with change, of an expired collection.

Burden Hours: 53,527.
Number of Respondents: 248,430.
Average Hours per Response: 13 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Special Census Program is a reimbursable service offered and performed by the U.S. Census Bureau for the government of any state, county, city, or other political subdivision within a state. This includes the District of Columbia, the government of any possession or area over which the U.S. exercises jurisdiction, control, or sovereignty, and other governmental units that require current population data between decennial censuses. Many states use Special Census population statistics to determine the need for a change in the distribution of funds to local jurisdictions. The local jurisdictions may also use the data to plan new schools, transportation systems, housing programs, or water treatment facilities.

The Census Bureau will use the following forms to conduct the Special Census operations:

SC–1, Special Census Enumerator Questionnaire—This interview form will be used to collect special census data at regular housing units (HU), and eligible units in Transitory Locations (TL) such as RV parks, marinas, campgrounds, hotels or motels.

SC–1 (SUPP), Special Census Enumeration Continuation Questionnaire—This interview form will be used to collect special census data at a regularHU or eligible units in a TL, when there are more than five members in a household.

SC–1 (Phone/WYC), Special Census Phone/WYC Questionnaire—This interview form will be used to collect special census data when a respondent calls the local Special Census Office.

SC–2, Special Census Individual Census Report—This interview form will be used to collect special census data at group quarters (GQ) such as hospitals, prisons, boarding and rooming houses, college dormitories, military facilities, and convents.

SC–3 (RI), Special Census Enumeration Re Interview Form—This interview form is a quality assurance form used by enumerators to conduct an independent interview at a sample of HUs. Special Census office staff will compare the data collected on this form with the original interview to make sure the original enumerator followed procedures.

SC–116, Special Census Group Quarters (GQ) Enumeration Control Sheet—This form will be used by Special Census enumerators to list residents/clients at GQs.

SC–117, Special Census Transitory Locations (TL) Enumeration Record—This form will be used by Special Census office staff to collect contact information for TLs, to schedule interviews for the TLs, to determine the type of TL, and to estimate the number of interviews to be conducted at the TL.

SC–351, Special Census Group Quarters (GQ) Initial Contact Checklist—This checklist will be used by enumerators to collect GQ contact information and to determine the type of GQ.

SC–920, Special Census Address Listing Page—This form will list existing addresses from the Census Bureau’s Master Address File (MAF). Special Census enumerators will update...