submit their applications using an overnight, express, or parcel delivery service.

All applicants must have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, which can be obtained at no cost via a toll-free request line at 1–866–705–5711 or online at http://fedgov.db.com/webform. This also includes sub-recipients.

Please note that applicants can locate the downloadable application package for this program by the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number, which is 10.767.

B. Content and form of submission. An application must contain all of the required elements outlined in 7 CFR 4274.343(a). Each application must address the applicable scoring criteria presented in 7 CFR 4274.344(c).

C. Submission dates and times. The original complete application must be received by the USDA Rural Development State Office no later than 4:30 p.m. local time by the application deadline dates listed above, regardless of the postmark date, in order to be considered for funds available in that Federal fiscal quarter.

Unless withdrawn by the applicant, completed applications that have not yet been funded will be retained by the Agency for consideration in subsequent reviews through a total of four consecutive quarterly reviews. Applications that remain unfunded after four quarterly reviews, including the initial quarter in which the application was completed, will not be considered further for an award. The applicant must submit a new application at that time if it desires further funding consideration.

V. Application Review Information

Awards under this Notice will be made on a competitive basis each Federal fiscal quarter. Each application received in the USDA Rural Development State Office will be reviewed, scored, and ranked to determine if it is consistent with the program requirements. Applications will be scored based on the applicable scoring criteria contained in 7 CFR 4274.344(c).

VI. Award Administration Information

Successful applicants will receive notification for funding from the USDA Rural Development State Office. Applicants must comply with all applicable statutes and regulations before the award will be approved. Unsuccessful applications will receive notification by mail.

VII. Agency Contacts

For general questions about this Notice, please contact your USDA Rural Development State Office as provided in the Addresses section of this Notice.

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act

All applicants, in accordance with 2 CFR part 25, must have a DUNS number, which can be obtained at no cost via a toll-free request line at 1–866–705–5711 or online at http://fedgov.db.com/webform. Similarly, all grant applicants must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) prior to submitting an application. Grant applicants may register for the SAM at http://www.sam.gov. All recipients of Federal financial assistance are required to report information about first-tier sub-awards and executive total compensation in accordance with 2 CFR part 170.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meetings

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, April 11, 2013, 12:30 p.m. EDT.


SUBJECT: Notice of Meeting of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

SUMMARY: The Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will be meeting at the time and location listed above. At the meeting, the BBG will receive and consider a report from the Governance Committee regarding the compliance progress with the recommendations in the Office of Inspector General’s inspection report of the BBG, as well as a BBG Board staffing plan. The BBG will receive and consider a report from the Strategy and Budget Committee, including the 2013 language service review process and the BBG strategic plan update. The BBG will also receive a budget update and receive reports from the International Broadcasting Bureau Director, the Technology, Services and Innovation Director, the Communications and External Affairs Director, the Strategy and Development Director, and the Presidents of Radio Free Europe/Radio