

and Private Forestry deputy area of the Forest Service.

“(4) TALL WOOD BUILDING.—The term ‘tall wood building’ means a building designed to be—

“(A) constructed with mass timber; and

“(B) more than 85 feet in height.”

#### **§ 7655d. Wood innovation grant program**

##### **(a) Definitions**

In this section:

##### **(1) Eligible entity**

The term “eligible entity” means—

(A) an individual;

(B) a public or private entity (including a center of excellence that consists of 1 or more partnerships between forestry, engineering, architecture, or business schools at 1 or more institutions of higher education); or

(C) a State, local, or Tribal government.

##### **(2) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service.

##### **(b) Grant program**

##### **(1) In general**

The Secretary, in carrying out the wood innovation grant program of the Secretary described in the notice of the Secretary entitled “Request for Proposals: 2016 Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity” (80 Fed. Reg. 63498 (October 20, 2015)), may make a wood innovation grant to 1 or more eligible entities each year for the purpose of advancing the use of innovative wood products.

##### **(2) Proposals**

To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an eligible entity shall submit to the Secretary a proposal at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

##### **(c) Incentivizing use of existing milling capacity**

In selecting among proposals of eligible entities under subsection (b)(2), the Secretary shall give priority to proposals that include the use or retrofitting (or both) of existing sawmill facilities located in counties in which the average annual unemployment rate exceeded the national average unemployment rate by more than 1 percent in the previous calendar year.

##### **(d) Matching requirement**

As a condition of receiving a grant under subsection (b), an eligible entity shall provide funds equal to the amount received by the eligible entity under the grant, to be derived from non-Federal sources.

(Pub. L. 115–334, title VIII, §8643, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4872.)

#### **Editorial Notes**

##### **CODIFICATION**

Section was enacted as part of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, and not as part of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998, which in part comprises this chapter.

#### **Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

##### **DEFINITIONS**

“Secretary” as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 2 of Pub. L. 115–334, set out as a Definition of “Secretary” note under section 9001 of this title.

For definition of “innovative wood product”, see section 8641 of Pub. L. 115–334, set out as a note under section 7655c of this title.

#### **§ 7656. Designation of Crisis Management Team within Department**

##### **(a) Designation of Crisis Management Team**

The Secretary of Agriculture shall designate a Crisis Management Team within the Department of Agriculture, which shall be—

(1) composed of senior departmental personnel with strong subject matter expertise selected from each relevant agency of the Department; and

(2) headed by a team leader with management and communications skills.

##### **(b) Duties of Crisis Management Team**

The Crisis Management Team shall be responsible for the following:

(1) Developing a Department-wide crisis management plan, taking into account similar plans developed by other government agencies and other large organizations, and developing written procedures for the implementation of the crisis management plan.

(2) Conducting periodic reviews and revisions of the crisis management plan and procedures developed under paragraph (1).

(3) Ensuring compliance with crisis management procedures by personnel of the Department and ensuring that appropriate Department personnel are familiar with the crisis management plan and procedures and are encouraged to bring information regarding crises or potential crises to the attention of members of the Crisis Management Team.

(4) Coordinating the Department's information gathering and dissemination activities concerning issues managed by the Crisis Management Team.

(5) Ensuring that Department spokespersons convey accurate, timely, and scientifically sound information regarding crises or potential crises that can be easily understood by the general public.

(6) Cooperating with, and coordinating among, other Federal agencies, States, local governments, industry, and public interest groups, Department activities regarding a crisis.

##### **(c) Role in prioritizing certain research**

The Crisis Management Team shall cooperate with the Advisory Board in the prioritization of agricultural research conducted or funded by the Department regarding animal health, natural disasters, food safety, and other agricultural issues.

##### **(d) Cooperative agreements**

The Secretary shall seek to enter into cooperative agreements with other Federal departments and agencies that have related programs or activities to help ensure consistent, accurate,