

Since an environmental assessment will be prepared instead of an environmental impact statement, the NOI is hereby rescinded.

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Ranotta K. McNair,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee, Boise, ID, Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 103-393), the Boise and Payette National Forests' Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will conduct a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: Wednesday, February 19, 2003 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Idaho Counties Risk Management Program Building, 3100 South Vista Avenue, Boise, Idaho.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics will include review and approval of project proposals and an open public forum.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Swick, Designated Federal Officer, at (208) 634-0400.

Dated: January 23, 2003.

Mark J. Madrid,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Rural Broadband Access Loans and Loan Guarantees Program

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of application deadline.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces funding available for the Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee program. For FY 2003,

no less than \$1.455 billion in loans is available, \$1.295 billion for direct cost-of-money loans, \$80 million for direct 4-percent loans, and \$80 million for loan guarantees.

DATES: All returned applications from the Broadband Pilot Program must be delivered to RUS or bear postmark no later than March 3, 2003 in order to have a priority consideration in FY 2003. All applications must be delivered to RUS or bear postmark no later than January 31, 2003, to be considered for funding from their applicable state's allocation. All other applications must be delivered to RUS or bear postmark no later than July 31, 2003, to be considered for funding in Fiscal Year 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, STOP 1590, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1590, Telephone (202) 720-9554, Facsimile (202) 720-0810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General Information

During FY 2003, no less than \$1.455 billion will be made available for loans and loan guarantees for the construction, improvement, and acquisition of facilities and equipment for broadband service in eligible rural communities. Of the total loan funds available, \$1.295 billion will be available for direct cost-of-money loans, \$80 million for 4-percent direct loans, and \$80 million for loan guarantees. The Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program is authorized by the Rural Electrification Act (7 U.S.C. 601) (the Act), as added by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, Pub. L. 101-171.

Priority will be given to applications previously received by RUS under its Broadband Pilot Program, described at 67 FR 45079.

Applications must be submitted in accordance with 7 CFR part 1738. This part and an application guide to assist in the preparation of applications are available in the Internet at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom>. Application guides may also be requested from RUS by contacting the appropriate agency contact:

Agency Contacts

For application information, contact the following individual: Deborah Jackson, Telecommunications Program, RUS/USDA, Room 2919, Stop 1541,

1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, (202) 720-8427.

Minimum and Maximum Loan Amounts

Loans and loan guarantees under this authority will not be made for less than \$100,000. Maximum loan amounts apply only to the direct 4-percent loan program. The maximum amount available for any one applicant for a direct 4-percent loan is \$5,000,000.

Minimum Rate of Data Transmission Criteria

The Secretary of Agriculture determines what qualifies as broadband service for the purpose of determining eligibility for financial assistance under the Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program. During fiscal year 2003 (and thereafter until further notice), to qualify as broadband service, the minimum rate-of-data transmission shall be 200 kilobits/second in the customer's connection to the network, both from the provider to the customer (downstream) and from the customer to the provider (upstream).

State Allocations

Due to the date of publication of the regulation and the regulatory deadline of January 31 for applications to be considered under the state allocation, applications submitted pursuant to this notice for fiscal year 2003 will be funded from the national reserve.

The Act requires RUS, from amounts made available each fiscal year, to establish a national reserve for loans and loan guarantees to eligible entities in states and to allocate amounts in the reserve to each state for each fiscal year. The Act further sets forth the method of allocation as follows:

"The amount of an allocation made to a State for a fiscal year * * * shall bear the same ratio to the amount of allocations made for all States for the fiscal year as the number of communities with a population of 2,500 inhabitants or less in the State bears to the number of communities with a population of 2,500 inhabitants or less in all States, as determined on the basis of the latest available census".

The following table shows the number of communities with 2,500 inhabitants or less (from the 2000 U.S. Census data), the percent in each state of such communities in relation to the total of all states, and the dollar amount of loan and loan guarantee funds available to each state:

State	Number of communities w/2,500 or less	Percent of national total	Dollars allocated (\$ mil)
Alabama	312	1.94	28,214,611
Alaska	225	1.40	20,347,075
Arizona	125	0.78	11,303,931
Arkansas	374	2.32	33,821,361
California	296	1.84	26,767,708
Colorado	212	1.32	19,171,467
Connecticut	40	0.25	3,617,258
Delaware	51	0.32	4,612,004
Florida	307	1.91	27,762,454
Georgia	380	2.36	34,363,950
Hawaii	67	0.42	6,058,907
Idaho	154	0.96	13,926,443
Illinois	856	5.32	77,409,318
Indiana	418	2.60	37,800,345
Iowa	826	5.13	74,696,375
Kansas	527	3.27	47,657,372
Kentucky	324	2.01	29,299,789
Louisiana	237	1.47	21,432,253
Maine	53	0.33	4,792,867
Maryland	148	0.92	13,383,854
Massachusetts	65	0.40	5,878,044
Michigan	355	2.21	32,103,163
Minnesota	659	4.09	59,594,323
Mississippi	228	1.42	20,618,370
Missouri	758	4.71	68,547,036
Montana	239	1.48	21,613,116
Nebraska	487	3.03	44,040,114
Nevada	27	0.17	2,441,649
New Hampshire	24	0.15	2,170,355
New Jersey	123	0.76	11,123,068
New Mexico	168	1.04	15,192,483
New York	528	3.28	47,747,804
North Carolina	428	2.66	38,704,659
North Dakota	356	2.21	32,193,595
Ohio	627	3.89	56,700,517
Oklahoma	565	3.51	51,093,767
Oregon	186	1.16	16,820,249
Pennsylvania	866	5.38	78,313,633
Rhode Island	5	0.03	452,157
South Carolina	221	1.37	19,985,350
South Dakota	321	1.99	29,028,494
Tennessee	228	1.42	20,618,370
Texas	960	5.96	86,814,189
Utah	185	1.15	16,729,818
Vermont	47	0.29	4,250,278
Virginia	207	1.29	18,719,309
Washington	276	1.71	24,959,079
West Virginia	219	1.36	19,804,487
Wisconsin	429	2.66	38,795,091
Wyoming	171	1.06	15,463,777
Puerto Rico	113	0.70	10,218,753
Guam	19	0.12	1,718,197
Am. Samoa	68	0.42	6,149,338
Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands	8	0.05	723,452
U.S. Virgin Islands	1	0.01	90,431
Total	6,099	100.00	1,455,855,856

4-Percent Direct Loans

An applicant will be eligible for a direct 4-percent loan if (1) the community being served has a population of less than 2,500, and is not currently receiving broadband service as defined at § 1738.11(b)(1), (2) the per capita income in the county being served as a percent of national per capita income, is not more than 55

percent of the national per capita income, as determined by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, at <http://www.bea.doc.gov/bea/regional/reis>, and (3) the population density, calculated as the total number of persons in the service area divided by the square miles of the service area is not more than 10 persons per square mile.

Applications Submitted Under the Broadband Pilot Program

Each application remaining unfunded from the Broadband Pilot Program will be returned to the applicant. The applicant will be given 30 days from the date of publication of final rule 7 CFR 1738, Rural Broadband Access Loans and Loan Guarantees, in the **Federal**

Register to resubmit a completed application.

Applications submitted within the 30-day time frame, that are economically and technically feasible, as determined by RUS and as set forth in RUS Bulletin 1738-1 will be given priority for funding as set forth in § 1738.14.

Dated: January 27, 2003.

Hilda Gay Legg,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Arizona Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Arizona Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 7, 2003, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (Metro Center), 2532 West Peoria, the Executive Board Room, Phoenix, Arizona 85029. The purpose of the meeting is to plan a follow-up to the 1997 report on civil rights problems along the United States/Mexico border. The report is: Federal Immigration Law Enforcement in the Southwest: Civil Rights Impacts on Border Communities. Four states will be involved.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Philip Montez, Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-3435). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, January 24, 2003.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Texas Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on

Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Texas Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 11 a.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2003, at the St. Anthony Hotel, Midland Room, 300 East Travis, San Antonio, TX 78205. The purpose of the meeting is to hold new member orientation and discuss civil rights issues in the State.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Philip Montez, Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-3435). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, January 24, 2003.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

National Survey of Volunteering and Giving Among Youths and Adults

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 31, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Ken Kaplan or Sue Montfort, U.S. Census Bureau, FOB 3, Room 3351, Washington, DC 20233-8400 at (301) 763-3836.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The purpose of this voluntary survey is to provide trend data on the volunteering and giving behavior of youths and adults; to chart the impact of major institutions, such as schools and religious institutions on encouraging such behavior; to highlight people's attitudes on a variety of issues relating to their volunteering behavior; and to explore behavioral and motivational factors that influence volunteering and giving.

Independent Sector, a nonprofit, nonpartisan coalition of more than 700 national organizations, foundations, and corporate philanthropy programs, began to study volunteerism in the United States in the early 1990s. Original survey content was developed by a national advisory group of scholars and practitioners and addressed the following issues:

- Who volunteers? Who gives? To whom? How much?
- What are determinants of giving and volunteering behavior?
- What is the motivation for giving and volunteering to various types of charitable causes?
- When do youths begin to volunteer and give?
- What skills have young people learned from their community service?
- To what degree do schools encourage volunteering? Do they offer courses requiring community service or require community service for graduation?
- What level of confidence do young people have in the institutions of our society?

This survey is unique because it contains information about both adults and youths who give or volunteer and those that do neither. The findings have been of interest to policymakers, the media, researchers, and school principals and teachers, as well as leaders of voluntary organizations.

As part of the emerging literature on "social capital," or social attachments, one important correlation of interest is that of religious practice and volunteering. This survey seeks to confirm and understand better that correlation by asking questions such as attendance at religious services and whether a volunteer organization is religiously-affiliated. The Census Bureau considers the religiously-oriented questions appropriate in the context of the survey's objective. We will not ask respondents to identify any particular religion.

For the national sample, we will select a sample of households from