

Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: Review of the status of approved projects; discussion of travel reimbursement, review and discussion of new project proposal and public forum discussion. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by March 17, 2011 will have the opportunity to address the Committee at those sessions.

Dated: February 25, 2011.

**Phil Cruz,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Manti-La Sal National Forest Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Manti-La Sal National Forest Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Price, Utah. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the meeting is to consider Secure Rural Schools Act Title II project proposals and hear oral presentations.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held March 30, 2011, and will begin at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Manti-La Sal National Forest, 599 West Price River Drive, Price, Utah. Written comments should be sent to Rosann Fillmore, Manti-La Sal National Forest, 599 West Price River Drive, Price, UT 84501. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to [rdfillmore@fs.fed.us](mailto:rdfillmore@fs.fed.us) or via facsimile to 435-637-4940.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Manti-La Sal National Forest, 599 West Price River Drive, Price, UT 84501. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 435-

636-3525 to facilitate entry into the building.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Rosann Fillmore, RAC coordinator, USDA, Manti-La Sal National Forest, 599 West Price River Drive, Price, UT 84501; 435-636-3525; E-mail [rdfillmore@fs.fed.us](mailto:rdfillmore@fs.fed.us).

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: (1) Consideration of Project Funding Proposals. (2) Oral presentations from proponents. (3) Other business. (4) Public comment. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by March 25, 2011 will have the opportunity to address the Committee at those sessions.

Dated: February 28, 2011.

**Ann King,**

*Acting Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Delta-Bienville Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Delta-Bienville Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Forest, Mississippi. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose is to hold the first meeting of the newly formed committee.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on March 14, 2011, and will begin at 6 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Bienville Ranger District Work Center, Hwy 501 South, 935A South Raleigh St, Forest, Mississippi 39074. Written comments should be sent to Michael T. Esters, Bienville Ranger District Office, 3473 Hwy 35 South, Forest, Mississippi 39074. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to

[mesters@fs.fed.us](mailto:mesters@fs.fed.us), or via facsimile to 601 469-2513.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at Bienville Ranger District Office, 3473 Hwy 35 South, Forest, Mississippi 39074. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 601 469-3811 to facilitate entry into the building.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nefisia Kittrell, RAC coordinator, USDA, Bienville Ranger District Office, 3473 Hwy 35 South, Forest, Mississippi; (601) 469-3811; E-mail [nkittrell@fs.fed.us](mailto:nkittrell@fs.fed.us).

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: (1) Review project proposals and recommendations. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting.

Dated: February 28, 2011.

**Michael T. Esters,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Announcement of Grant Application Deadlines and Funding Levels

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation of applications.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces the availability of \$25 million in funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 for the Community Connect Grant Program. This funding represents carry over balances from prior Appropriations Acts. This notice is being issued prior to passage of a final Appropriations Act for FY 2011, to allow potential applicants time to submit proposals and give the Agency time to process applications within the current fiscal year. RUS will publish a subsequent notice identifying the amount received in the final Appropriations Act, if any. Expenses incurred in developing

applications will be at the applicant's risk. For FY 2010, Congress appropriated approximately \$17.9 million. In addition, RUS announces the minimum and maximum amounts for Community Connect grants applicable for the fiscal year. The Community Connect Grant Program regulations can be found at 7 CFR part 1739, subpart A.

**DATES:** You may submit completed applications for grants on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

- Paper copies must carry proof of shipping *no later* than May 3, 2011 to be eligible for FY 2011 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2011 grant funding.
- Electronic copies must be received by May 3, 2011 to be eligible for FY 2011 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2011 grant funding.

**ADDRESSES:** You may obtain application guides and materials for the Community Connect Grant Program via the Internet at the following Web site: [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp\\_commconnect.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp_commconnect.html). You may also request application guides and materials from RUS by contacting the appropriate individual listed in section VII of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

Submit completed paper applications for grants to the Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 2870, STOP 1599, Washington, DC 20250–1599. Applications should be marked “Attention: Director, Broadband Division, Rural Utilities Service.”

Submit electronic grant applications at <http://www.grants.gov> (Grants.gov), following the instructions you find on that Web site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth Kuchno, Director, Broadband Division, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, telephone: (202) 690–4673, fax: (202) 690–4389.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Overview**

*Federal Agency:* Rural Utilities Service (RUS).

*Funding Opportunity Title:* Community Connect Grant Program.

*Announcement Type:* Initial announcement.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 10.863.

*Dates:* You may submit completed applications for grants on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

- Paper copies must carry proof of shipping *no later* than May 3, 2011, to

be eligible for FY 2011 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2011 grant funding.

- Electronic copies must be received by May 3, 2011, to be eligible for FY 2011 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2011 grant funding.

#### **Items in Supplementary Information**

- I. Funding Opportunity:** Brief introduction to the Community Connect Grant Program
- II. Award Information:** Available funds and minimum and maximum amounts
- III. Eligibility Information:** Who is eligible, what kinds of projects are eligible, what criteria determine basic eligibility
- IV. Application and Submission Information:** Where to get application materials, what constitutes a completed application, how and where to submit applications, deadlines, items that are eligible
- V. Application Review Information:** Considerations and preferences, scoring criteria, review standards, selection information
- VI. Award Administration Information:** Award notice information, award recipient reporting requirements
- VII. Agency Contacts:** Web, phone, fax, e-mail, contact name.

#### **I. Funding Opportunity**

The provision of broadband transmission service is vital to the economic development, education, health, and safety of rural Americans. The purpose of the Community Connect Grant Program is to provide financial assistance in the form of grants to eligible applicants that will provide currently unserved areas, on a “community-oriented connectivity” basis, with broadband transmission service that fosters economic growth and delivers enhanced educational, health care, and public safety services. Rural Utilities Service will give priority to rural areas that it believes have the greatest need for broadband transmission services, based on the criteria contained herein.

Grant authority will be used for the deployment of broadband transmission service to extremely rural, lower-income communities on a “community-oriented connectivity” basis. The “community-oriented connectivity” concept will stimulate practical, everyday uses and applications of broadband facilities by cultivating the deployment of new broadband transmission services that improve economic development and provide enhanced educational and health care opportunities in rural areas. Such an approach will also give rural communities the opportunity to benefit from the advanced technologies that are necessary to achieve these goals. Please see 7 CFR part 1739, subpart A for specifics.

This notice has been formatted to conform to a policy directive issued by the Office of Federal Financial Management (OFFM) of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), published in the **Federal Register** on June 23, 2003. This Notice does not change the Community Connect Grant Program regulation (7 CFR 1739, subpart A).

#### **II. Award Information**

##### *A. Available Funds*

1. *General.* The Administrator has determined that the following amounts are available for grants in FY 2011 under 7 CFR 1739.2(a).

##### 2. *Grants*

a. \$25 million is available for grants from prior year appropriations. Under 7 CFR 1739.2, the Administrator has established a minimum grant amount of \$50,000 and a maximum grant amount of \$1,500,000 for FY 2011.

b. Assistance instrument: Rural Development will execute grant documents appropriate to the project prior to any advance of funds with successful applicants. B. Community Connect grants cannot be renewed. Award documents specify the term of each award. Applications to extend existing projects are welcomed (grant applications must be submitted during the application window) and will be evaluated as new applications.

#### **III. Eligibility Information**

A. *Who is eligible for grants?* (See 7 CFR 1739.10.)

1. Only entities legally organized as one of the following are eligible for Community Connect Grant Program financial assistance:

- An incorporated organization,
- An Indian tribe or tribal organization, as defined in 25 U.S.C. 450b(b) and (c),
- A State or local unit of government,
- A cooperative, private corporation or limited liability company organized on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis.

2. Individuals are not eligible for Community Connect Grant Program financial assistance directly.

3. Applicants must have the legal capacity and authority to own and operate the broadband facilities as proposed in its application, to enter into contracts and to otherwise comply with applicable federal statutes and regulations.

##### *B. What are the basic eligibility requirements for a project?*

1. Required matching contributions. Please see 7 CFR 1739.14 for the requirement. Grant applicants must

demonstrate a matching contribution, in cash or in kind (new, non-depreciated items), of at least fifteen (15) percent of the total amount of financial assistance requested. Matching contributions must be used for eligible purposes of Community Connect grant assistance (*see* 7 CFR 1739.12).

2. To be eligible for a grant, the Project must (*see* 7 CFR 1739.11):

a. Serve a Rural Area where Broadband Transmission Service does not currently exist, to be verified by Rural Development prior to the award of the grant;

b. Serve one Community recognized in the latest U.S. Census or the most recent edition of the Rand McNally Atlas containing population data;

c. Deploy Basic Broadband Transmission Service, free of all charges for at least 2 years, to all Critical Community Facilities located within the proposed Service Area;

d. Offer Basic Broadband Transmission Service to residential and business customers within the proposed Service Area; and

e. Provide a Community Center with at least ten (10) Computer Access Points within the proposed Service Area, and make Broadband Transmission Service available therein, free of all charges to users for at least 2 years.

*C. See paragraph IV.B of this notice for a discussion of the items that make up a completed application. You may also refer to 7 CFR 1739.15 for completed grant application items.*

#### **IV. Application and Submission Information**

##### **A. Clarifications to Requirements for FY 2011**

1. Although 7 CFR 1739.3 defines Broadband Transmission Service as 200 kilobits/second both in the downstream and upstream directions, the Agency recognizes that these speeds are not adequate to deliver much needed benefits such as distance learning and telemedicine to communities that are not currently receiving broadband service. Therefore, when the applications are scored for the "community-oriented connectivity benefits derived from the proposed services" emphasis will be placed on the amount of bandwidth that is being delivered to the customer. Although the amount of bandwidth is not the only item that will be evaluated for this criteria, the bandwidth being provided to enhance rural economic development will have a direct impact on the score that is assigned. All applicants are encouraged to construct systems that are capable of delivering the broadband

speeds that are identified in the Federal Communications Commission's National Broadband Plan.

2. When determining the points that will be awarded for the "community-oriented connectivity" benefits derived from the proposed service, systems that are proposing to deliver more than the minimum bandwidth requirements have a greater potential of receiving the maximum number of points for this category.

3. When determining if a community has no existing broadband service, applicants are encouraged to refer to the Federal Communication Commission's National Broadband Map.

4. Rural Development clarifies that the definition of "Critical Community Facilities" includes the mandatory Community Center.

5. For all funding commitments, including all matching fund commitments and commitments made by the applicant, that are required to complete the Project in addition to the Rural Development grant, evidence must be submitted demonstrating that funding arrangements have been obtained. If the appropriate funding commitments are not included in the application, the application will be deemed ineligible for consideration. This evidence must:

a. Clearly state the name of the entity that is making the commitment;

b. Include the amount of the commitment; and

c. State the purpose of commitment.

6. Rural Development clarifies that in order to qualify as eligible costs for grant coverage or matching fund contributions, operating expenses incurred in providing Broadband Transmission Service to Critical Community Facilities for the first 2 years of operation and in providing training and instruction must be for the following purposes subject to the specified maximum amounts:

a. Salary for operations manager, not to exceed \$30,000 per year.

b. Salary for technical support staff, not to exceed \$30,000 per year.

c. Salary for community center staff, not to exceed \$25,000 per year.

d. Bandwidth expenses, not to exceed \$25,000 per year.

e. Training courses on the use of the Internet, not to exceed \$15,000 per year.

The operating costs to be funded by the grant or used as matching contributions cannot exceed in the aggregate \$250,000. No other operating expenses are eligible for grant funding or to be considered as matching funds. The period for expenses to be considered eligible for grant funding or to be used as an in-kind match is three

years from the date the Administrator signs the award documents.

7. Community means any incorporated or unincorporated town, village, or borough located in a Rural Area, that is recognized in the latest decennial census as published by the Bureau of the Census or in the most recent edition of a Rand McNally Atlas containing population data.

8. Rural Development clarifies that the economic need of the applicant's service territory will be based on the median household income (MHI) for the Community serviced and the state in which the Community is located, as determined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census at <http://factfinder.census.gov>. If the community was qualified using the Rand McNally Atlas, the applicant must use the MHI, contained in the latest decennial census, of the county in which the Community resides as the Community MHI.

##### **B. Where To Get Application Information**

The application guide, copies of necessary forms and samples, and the Community Connect Grant Program regulation are available from these sources:

1. The Internet: [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp\\_commconnect.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp_commconnect.html).

2. The Rural Development Broadband Division, for paper copies of these materials: (202) 690-4673.

##### **C. What constitutes a completed application?**

1. Detailed information on each item required can be found in the Community Connect Grant Program regulation and the Community Connect Grant Program application guide. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read and apply both the regulation and the application guide. This Notice does not change the requirements for a completed application for any form of Community Connect Grant Program financial assistance specified in the Community Connect Grant Program regulation. The Community Connect Grant Program regulation and the application guide provide specific guidance on each of the items listed and the Community Connect Grant Program application guide provides all necessary forms and sample worksheets.

2. Applications should be prepared in conformance with the provisions in 7 CFR 1739, subpart A, and applicable USDA regulations including 7 CFR parts 3015, 3016, and 3019. Applicants must use the Rural Development Application Guide for this program containing instructions and all necessary forms, as

well as other important information, in preparing their application. Completed applications must include the following:

a. *An Application for Federal Assistance.* A completed Standard Form (SF) 424.

b. *An executive summary of the Project.* The applicant must provide Rural Development with a general project overview.

c. *Scoring criteria documentation.* Each grant applicant must address and provide documentation on how it meets each of the scoring criteria detailed 7 CFR 1739.17.

d. *System design.* The applicant must submit a system design, including, narrative specifics of the proposal, associated costs, maps, engineering design studies, technical specifications and system capabilities, etc.

e. *Scope of work.* The scope of work must include specific activities and services to be performed under the proposal, who will carry out the activities and services, specific time-frames for completion, and a budget for all capital and administrative expenditures reflecting the line item costs for all grant purposes, the matching contribution, and other sources of funds necessary to complete the project.

f. *Community-Oriented Connectivity Plan.* The applicant must provide a detailed Community-Oriented Connectivity Plan.

g. *Financial information and sustainability.* The applicant must provide financial statements and information and a narrative description demonstrating the sustainability of the Project.

h. *A statement of experience.* The applicant must provide a written narrative describing its demonstrated capability and experience, if any, in operating a broadband telecommunications system.

i. *Evidence of legal authority and existence.* The applicant must provide evidence of its legal existence and authority to enter into a grant agreement with RUS and to perform the activities proposed under the grant application.

j. *Funding commitment from other sources.* If the Project requires additional funding from other sources in addition to the Rural Development grant, the applicant must provide evidence that funding agreements have been obtained to ensure completion of the Project.

k. *DUNS Number.*

As required by the OMB, all applicants for grants must supply a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number when applying. The Standard Form 424

(SF-424) contains a field for you to use when supplying your DUNS number. Obtaining a DUNS number costs nothing and requires a short telephone call to Dun and Bradstreet. Please see [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/request\\_duns\\_number.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/request_duns_number.jsp) for more information on how to obtain a DUNS number or how to verify your organization's number.

#### 1. *Central Contractor Registration (CCR).*

(a) In accordance with 2 CFR part 25, applicants, whether applying electronically or by paper, must be registered in the CCR prior to submitting an application. Applicants may register for the CCR at <https://www.uscontractorregistration.com/> or by calling 1-877-252-2700. Completing the CCR registration process takes up to five business days, and applicants are strongly encouraged to begin the process well in advance of the deadline specified in this notice.

(b) The CCR registration must remain active, with current information, at all times during which an entity has an application under consideration by an agency or has an active Federal Award. To remain registered in the CCR database after the initial registration, the applicant is required to review and update, on an annual basis from the date of initial registration or subsequent updates, its information in the CCR database to ensure it is current, accurate and complete.

m. *Compliance with other federal statutes.* The applicant must provide evidence of compliance with other federal statutes and regulations, including, but not limited to the following:

(i) 7 CFR part 15, subpart A—Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Agriculture—Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

(ii) 7 CFR part 3015—Uniform Federal Assistance Regulations.

(iii) 7 CFR part 3017—Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement).

(iv) 7 CFR part 3018—New Restrictions on Lobbying.

(v) 7 CFR part 3021—Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance).

(vi) Certification regarding Architectural Barriers.

(vii) Certification regarding Flood Hazard Precautions.

(viii) An environmental report, in accordance with 7 CFR 1794.

(ix) Certification that grant funds will not be used to duplicate lines, facilities,

or systems providing Broadband Transmission Service.

(x) Federal Obligation Certification on Delinquent Debt.

#### D. *How many copies of an application are required?*

1. Applications submitted on paper: Submit the original application and two (2) copies to Rural Development.

2. Electronically submitted applications: The additional paper copies are not necessary if you submit the application electronically through Grants.gov.

#### E. *How and Where To Submit an Application*

Grant applications may be submitted on paper or electronically.

##### 1. *Submitting applications on paper.*

a. Address paper applications for grants to the Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 2868, STOP 1599, Washington, DC 20250-1599. Applications should be marked "Attention: Director, Broadband Division, Rural Utilities Service."

b. Paper applications must show proof of mailing or shipping consisting of one of the following:

(i) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service (USPS) postmark;

(ii) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the USPS; or

(iii) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

c. Due to screening procedures at the Department of Agriculture, packages arriving via the USPS are irradiated, which can damage the contents. Rural Development encourages applicants to consider the impact of this procedure in selecting their application delivery method.

##### 2. *Electronically submitted applications.*

(a) Applicant may file an electronic application at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applications will not be accepted via facsimile machine transmission or electronic mail. Grants.gov contains full instructions on all required passwords, credentialing, and software. Follow the instructions at Grants.gov for registering and submitting an electronic application. If a system problem or technical difficulty occurs with an electronic application, please use the customer support resources available at the Grants.gov Web site.

(b) First time Grants.gov users should go to the "Get Started" tab on the Grants.gov site and carefully read and follow the steps listed. These steps need to be initiated early in the application process to avoid delays in submitting your application online.

(c) Registering with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR), will take some time to complete, so keep that in mind when beginning the application process. In order to register with the CCR, your organization will need a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number.

#### *F. Deadlines*

1. Paper applications must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight no later than May 3, 2011 to be eligible for FY 2011 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2011 grant funding.

2. Electronic grant applications must be received by May 3, 2011 to be eligible for FY 2011 funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2011 grant funding.

#### *G. Funding Restrictions*

1. *Eligible grant purposes.* Grant funds may be used to finance:

a. The construction, acquisition, or leasing of facilities, including spectrum, to deploy Broadband Transmission Service to all participating Critical Community Facilities and all required facilities needed to offer such service to residential and business customers located within the proposed Service Area;

b. The improvement, expansion, construction, or acquisition of a Community Center that furnishes free access to broadband Internet service, provided that the Community Center is open and accessible to area residents before, during, and after normal working hours and on Saturday or Sunday. Grant funds provided for such costs shall not exceed the greater of five percent (5%) of the grant amount requested or \$100,000;

c. End-User Equipment needed to carry out the Project;

d. Operating expenses incurred in providing Broadband Transmission Service to Critical Community Facilities for the first 2 years of operation and in providing training and instruction; and

e. The purchase of land, buildings, or building construction needed to carry out the Project.

#### *2. Ineligible grant purposes.*

a. Grant funds may not be used to finance the duplication of any existing Broadband Transmission Service provided by another entity.

b. Facilities financed with grant funds cannot be utilized, in any way, to provide local exchange telecommunications service to any person or entity already receiving such service.

3. Please see 7 CFR 1739.3 for definitions, 7 CFR 1739.12 for eligible

grant purposes, and 7 CFR 1739.13 for ineligible grant purposes.

### **V. Application Review Information**

#### *A. Criteria*

1. Grant applications are scored competitively and subject to the criteria listed below.

2. Grant application scoring criteria (total possible points: 100) See 7 CFR 1739.17 for the items that will be reviewed during scoring and for scoring criteria.

a. The rurality of the Project (up to 40 points);

b. The economic need of the Project's Service Area (up to 30 points); and

c. The "community-oriented connectivity" benefits derived from the proposed service (up to 30 points).

#### *B. Review Standards*

1. All applications for grants must be delivered to Rural Utilities Service at the address and by the date specified in this notice (see also 7 CFR 1739.2) to be eligible for funding. Rural Utilities Service will review each application for conformance with the provisions of this part. Rural Utilities Service may contact the applicant for additional information or clarification.

2. Incomplete applications as of the deadline for submission will not be considered. If an application is determined to be incomplete, the applicant will be notified in writing and the application will be returned with no further action.

3. Applications conforming with this part will then be evaluated competitively by a panel of Rural Utilities Service employees selected by the Administrator of Rural Utilities Service, and will be awarded points as described in the scoring criteria in 7 CFR 1739.17. Applications will be ranked and grants awarded in rank order until all grant funds are expended.

4. Regardless of the score an application receives, if Rural Development determines that the Project is technically or financially infeasible, Rural Development will notify the applicant, in writing, and the application will be returned with no further action.

#### *C. Selection Process*

Grant applications are ranked by final score. Rural Development selects applications based on those rankings, subject to the availability of funds.

### **VI. Award Administration Information**

#### *A. Award Notices*

Rural Utilities Service recognizes that each funded project is unique, and

therefore may attach conditions to different projects' award documents. Rural Utilities Service generally notifies applicants whose projects are selected for awards by faxing an award letter. Rural Utilities Service follows the award letter with a grant agreement that contains all the terms and conditions for the grant. An applicant must execute and return the grant agreement, accompanied by any additional items required by the grant agreement.

#### *B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements*

The items listed in paragraph IV.B.2.k of this notice, and the Community Connect Grant Program regulation, application guide and accompanying materials implement the appropriate administrative and national policy requirements.

#### *C. Reporting*

1. *Performance reporting.* All recipients of Community Connect Grant Program financial assistance must provide annual performance activity reports to Rural Development until the project is complete and the funds are expended. A final performance report is also required; the final report may serve as the last annual report. The final report must include an evaluation of the success of the project. See 7 CFR 1739.19.

2. *Financial reporting.* All recipients of Community Connect Grant Program financial assistance must provide an annual audit, beginning with the first year a portion of the financial assistance is expended. Audits are governed by United States Department of Agriculture audit regulations. Please see 7 CFR 1739.20.

3. *Recipient and Subrecipient Reporting.* The applicant must have the necessary processes and systems in place to comply with the reporting requirements for first-tier sub-awards and executive compensation under the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 in the event the applicant receives funding unless such applicant is exempt from such reporting requirements pursuant to 2 CFR part 170, § 170.110(b). The reporting requirements under the Transparency Act pursuant to 2 CFR part 170 are as follows:

a. First Tier Sub-Awards of \$25,000 or more in non-Recovery Act funds (unless they are exempt under 2 CFR Part 170) must be reported by the Recipient to <http://www.fsrs.gov> no later than the end of the month following the month the obligation was made.

b. The Total Compensation of the Recipient's Executives (5 most highly

compensated executives) must be reported by the Recipient (if the Recipient meets the criteria under 2 CFR Part 170) to <http://www.ccr.gov> by the end of the month following the month in which the award was made.

c. The Total Compensation of the Subrecipient's Executives (5 most highly compensated executives) must be reported by the Subrecipient (if the Subrecipient meets the criteria under 2 CFR part 170) to the Recipient by the end of the month following the month in which the subaward was made.

## VII. Agency Contacts

A. Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/commconnect.htm>. This Web site maintains up-to-date resources and contact information for the Community Connect Grant Program.

B. Phone: 202-690-4673

C. Fax: 202-690-4389

D. Main point of contact: Kenneth Kuchno, Director, Broadband Division, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: February 18, 2011.

**Jonathan Adelstein,**  
Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Sunshine Act Notice

**AGENCY:** United States Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice of briefing cancellation.

**SUMMARY:** On December 8, 2010 (75 FR 76396), the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights announced a briefing to be held on Friday, March 11, 2011 at the Commission's headquarters. On March 1, 2011, the Commission cancelled the briefing. The details of the cancelled meeting are:

**DATE AND TIME:** Friday, March 11, 2011; 9:30 a.m. EST.

**PLACE:** 624 Ninth Street, NW., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

### Briefing Agenda

This briefing is open to the public.

Topic: The Civil Rights Implications of Eminent Domain Abuse.

I. Introductory Remarks by Chairman;

II. Speakers' Presentations;

III. Questions by Commissioners and Staff Director;

IV. Adjourn Briefing.

### CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

**INFORMATION:** Lenore Ostrowsky, Acting Chief, Public Affairs Unit (202) 376-8591. TDD: (202) 376-8116.

Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Pamela Dunston at least seven days prior to the meeting at 202-376-8105. TDD: (202) 376-8116.

Dated: March 1, 2011.

**Kimberly Tolhurst,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 15-2011]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone 230—Greensboro, NC; Application for Subzone; VF Jeanswear (Apparel Distribution); Mocksville, NC

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Piedmont Triad Partnership, grantee of FTZ 230, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the warehousing and distribution facility of VF Jeanswear, located in Mocksville, North Carolina. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on March 1, 2011.

The VF Jeanswear facility (430 employees, 71.67 acres/494,000 square feet of enclosed space) is located at 1401 U.S. Highway 601 South, Mocksville, North Carolina. The facility is used for warehousing and distribution of foreign-origin apparel (duty rates 16.6%–28.6%) for the U.S. market and export. The applicant is not seeking manufacturing or processing authority with this request.

FTZ procedures could exempt VF Jeanswear from customs duty payments on foreign apparel that is exported (about 1% of shipments). On domestic sales, duty payments would be deferred until the foreign merchandise is shipped from the facility and entered for U.S. consumption. FTZ designation would further allow VF Jeanswear to realize logistical benefits through the use of certain customs procedures. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the facility's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Diane Finver of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case

record and to report findings and recommendations to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is May 3, 2011. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to May 18, 2011.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's Web site, which is accessible via <http://www.trade.gov/ftz>.

For further information, contact Diane Finver at [Diane.Finver@trade.gov](mailto:Diane.Finver@trade.gov) (202) 482-1367.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

#### Foreign-Trade Zone 147—Berks County, PA; Site Renumbering Notice; Correction

The **Federal Register** notice (76 FR 1134, 1/7/11) describing the renumbering of sites within Foreign-Trade Zone 147 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, should be as follows:

FTZ 147 currently consists of 19 "sites" totaling 5,038 acres in the Reading area. The current update does not alter the physical boundaries that have previously been approved, but instead involves an administrative renumbering that separates certain non-contiguous sites for record-keeping purposes.

Under this revision, the site list for FTZ 147 will be as follows: *Site 1* (865 acres)—Reading Municipal Airport complex; *Site 2* (6.64 acres)—Second Street and Grand Street, Hamburg; *Site 3* (160.71 acres)—Excelsior Industrial Park, Maiden Creek Township; *Site 4* (272.33 acres total)—within the International Trade District of York located at East Berlin and Zarfoss Roads (26.64 acres), at 500 Lincoln Street and 160 & 222 N. Hartley Street (16.69 acres), at the Industrial Plaza of York, Roosevelt Avenue and West Philadelphia Street (1 acre), and at 260