

	Combination loan-grants (7 CFR 1703.131 and 7 CFR 1703.132)	Loans (7 CFR 1703.141 and 7 CFR 1703.142)
Any project that, for its success, depends on additional DLT financial assistance or other financial assistance that is not assured.	No	No.
Application preparation costs	No	No.
Other project costs not covered in regulation ...	No	Yes, for the first two years of the operation.
Costs & facilities providing distance learning broadcasting.	No	Yes; financial assistance amount directly proportional to the distance learning portion of use.
Reimburse applicant or others for costs incurred prior to RUS' receipt of completed application.	No	No.

2. Eligible Equipment & Facilities. Please see 7 CFR 1703.102 for definitions of eligible equipment, eligible facilities and telecommunications transmission facilities as used in the table above.

V. Application Review Information

A. *Special considerations or preferences.* 7 CFR 1703.112 directs that an RUS telecommunications borrower will receive expedited consideration and determination of a loan application or advance under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901-950aa, *et seq.*) if the loan funds in question are to be used in conjunction with a DLT grant, loan or combination loan-grant (See 7 CFR 1737 for loans and 7 CFR 1744 for advances).

B. *Criteria.* Combination loan-grant applications and loan applications are evaluated on the basis of technical, financial, economic and other criteria. Please see paragraph IV.B.6 of this notice for the items that will be evaluated for a combination loan-grant or loan application, and paragraph V.C of this notice for a brief listing of evaluation standards.

C. *Combination loan-grants and loans review standards.*

1. RUS evaluates applications' financial feasibility using the following information. Please see paragraph IV.B.6 of this of this notice for the items that constitute a completed combination loan-grant or loan application. Also, see 7 CFR part 1703 subpart F for combination loan-grants and 7 CFR part 1703 subpart G for loans:

- a. Applicant's financial ability to compete the project;
- b. Project feasibility;
- c. Applicant's financial information;
- d. Project sustainability;
- e. Ability to repay the loan portion of a combination loan-grant, including revenue sources;
- f. Collateral for which the applicant has perfected a security interest; and
- g. Adequate security for a loan or the loan portion of a combination loan-grant.

2. RUS also evaluates the following project and application characteristics:

- a. Services to be provided by the project.
- b. Project cost.
- c. Project design.
- d. Rurality of the proposed service area. Please see paragraph III.B.3 of this Notice for information on determining rurality.
- e. Other characteristics.

D. *Combination loan-grants and loans selection process.* Based on the review standards listed above and in the DLT Program regulation, RUS will process successful loan applications on a first-in, first-out basis, dependent upon the availability of funds. Please see 7 CFR 1703.135 for combination loan-grant application processing and selection; and 7 CFR 1703.145 for loan application processing and selection.

VI. Award Administration Information

A. *Combination loan-grants and loans award notices.*

RUS recognizes that each funded project is unique, and therefore may attach conditions to different projects' award documents.

1. RUS generally sends a letter defining the characteristics of a loan (or the loan portion of a combination loan-grant) such as the term, interest rate and any conditions on the loan. An applicant must communicate agreement with the characteristics of the loan to RUS before a loan or combination loan-grant moves into the approval process.

2. After receiving the applicant's agreement on the loan characteristics, RUS supplies an approval letter to the applicant. Loan documents (and a grant agreement, if applicable) are then sent by RUS. The applicant has 120 days to sign and return the documents, along with any additional material required by the loan or grant documents.

B. *Administrative and national policy requirements.* The items listed in paragraph IV.B.6 of this Notice, and the DLT Program regulation, application guides and accompanying materials implement the appropriate

administrative and national policy requirements.

C. *Reporting.*

1. Performance reporting. All recipients of DLT financial assistance must provide annual performance activity reports to RUS 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 in meeting DLT Program objectives. See 7 CFR 1703.107.

2. Financial reporting. All recipients of DLT 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 1703.108.

VII. Agency Contacts

A. *Web site:* <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm>. The RUS' DLT Web site maintains up-to-date resources and contact information for DLT programs.

B. *Phone:* 202-720-0413.

C. *Fax:* 202-720-1051.

D. *E-mail:* dltinfo@usda.gov.

E. *Main point of contact:* Orren E. Cameron, III, Director, Advanced Services Division, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: January 12, 2005.

Curtis M. Anderson,
Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket Number 050105003-5003-01]

Estimates of the Voting Age Population for 2004

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Commerce.

ACTION: General notice announcing population estimates.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the voting age population estimates, as of July 1, 2004, for each state and the District of Columbia. We are giving this notice in accordance with the 1976 amendment to the Federal Election Campaign Act, Title 2, United States Code, Section 441a(e).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John F. Long, Chief, Population Division, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, Room 2011, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233, telephone (301) 763-2071.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the requirements of the 1976 amendment to the Federal Election Campaign Act, Title 2, United States Code, Section 441a(e), I hereby give notice that the estimates of the voting age population for July 1, 2004, for each state and the District of Columbia are as shown in the following table.

ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF VOTING AGE FOR EACH STATE AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: JULY 1, 2004

[In thousands]

Area	Population 18 and over
United States	220,377,406
Alabama	3,435,649
Alaska	467,206
Arizona	4,196,574
Arkansas	2,076,079
California	26,297,336
Colorado	3,422,514
Connecticut	2,664,816
Delaware	636,858
District of Columbia	443,976
Florida	13,393,871
Georgia	6,496,816
Hawaii	964,147
Idaho	1,020,851
Illinois	9,475,484
Indiana	4,637,274
Iowa	2,274,014
Kansas	2,052,011
Kentucky	3,165,735
Louisiana	3,350,809
Maine	1,035,124
Maryland	4,163,250
Massachusetts	4,952,316
Michigan	7,579,181
Minnesota	3,860,678
Mississippi	2,153,397
Missouri	4,370,076
Montana	718,772
Nebraska	1,312,648
Nevada	1,731,175
New Hampshire	994,506
New Jersey	6,542,820
New Mexico	1,411,002
New York	14,654,725
North Carolina	6,422,729
North Dakota	495,411

ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF VOTING AGE FOR EACH STATE AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: JULY 1, 2004—Continued

[In thousands]

Area	Population 18 and over
Ohio	8,679,799
Oklahoma	2,663,683
Oregon	2,742,229
Pennsylvania	9,569,283
Rhode Island	836,819
South Carolina	3,173,368
South Dakota	580,009
Tennessee	4,509,673
Texas	16,223,243
Utah	1,648,925
Vermont	486,500
Virginia	5,654,927
Washington	4,717,768
West Virginia	1,430,713
Wisconsin	4,201,040
Wyoming	389,597

I have certified these counts to the Federal Election Commission.

Dated: January 7, 2005.

Donald L. Evans,

Secretary, Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 1-2005]

Foreign-Trade Zone 45—Portland, OR, Application for Subzone, Epson Portland Inc. (Inkjet Cartridges), Hillsboro, OR

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Port of Portland, grantee of FTZ 45, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the inkjet cartridge manufacturing facility of Epson Portland Inc. (EPI), in Hillsboro, Oregon. 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 January 4, 2005.

The EPI facility (1 building, 184,492 sq. ft. on 16.61 acres) is located at 3950 Aloclek Place, Hillsboro, Oregon. The EPI plant (455 employees) is used for warehousing and manufacturing of inkjet cartridges (which includes the production of plastic injection molded cartridge parts); activities which EPI is proposing to perform under FTZ procedures.

Foreign-sourced materials will account for some 50 to 55 percent of

total materials used in production, and may include items from the following general categories: ink (HTSUS 3215.11 and 3215.19), cleaning liquid for printers (3402.19), polypropylene colorant (3901.20), polypropylene resins (3902.30), labels and label tape (3919.90), sealing film (3920.10), tape (3920.62), silicone sheet (3920.99), urethane foam (3921.13), poly bags (3923.21), seals (4016.93), vent film (5911.10), seals/valves/springs (7320.10), nylon filters (8421.19), and ink degassing modules (8421.21).

Zone procedures would exempt EPI from Customs duty payments on foreign materials used in production for export. Some 60 percent of the plant's shipments are currently exported. On domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the duty rates that apply to the finished products (HTSUS 8473.30, duty-free), rather than the duty rates that would otherwise apply to the foreign-sourced materials noted above (duty-free to 6.5%, weighted average—3.4%). The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures will help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report 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 one of the following addresses:

1. *Submissions via Express/Package Delivery Services:* Foreign-Trade-Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building—Suite 4100W, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005; or

2. *Submissions via the U.S. Postal Service:* Foreign-Trade-Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, FCB—Suite 4100W, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The closing period for their receipt is March 21, 2005. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to April 4, 2005).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at address Number 1 listed above, and at the U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, One World Trade Center, 121 S.W. Salmon Street, Suite 242, Portland, Oregon 97204.