

For the last step, those applications meeting the minimum number of points will be listed in initial rank order by objective. The highest-ranking proposal for each objective will be funded in the order of priority (the highest ranking proposal meeting objective 1 will be funded first and the highest ranking proposal meeting objective 2 will be funded second, *etc.*). It is possible that funds could be exhausted before funding projects for every objective. If there are funds remaining, the process will be repeated until the funds are obligated. The projects selected for funding will be presented, along with funding level recommendations, to the Manager of FCIC, who will make the final decision on awarding of a partnership agreement.

If the Manager of FCIC determines that any application is sufficiently similar to a project that has been funded or has been recommended to be funded under this announcement or any other research and development program, then the Manager may elect to not fund that application in whole or in part.

VI. Award Administration Information

A. Award Notices

Receipt of applications will be acknowledged by e-mail, whenever possible. Therefore, each applicant is encouraged to provide an e-mail address in the application. If an e-mail address is not indicated on an application, receipt will be acknowledged by letter. There will be no notification of incomplete, unqualified or unfunded applications until the awards have been made.

When received by RMA, applications will be assigned an identification number. This number will be communicated to applicants in the acknowledgement of receipt of applications. An application identification number should be referenced in all correspondence regarding the application. If the applicant does not receive an acknowledgement within 15 days of the submission deadline, the applicant should contact the Research and Development Division at (816) 926-6343.

B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

1. Access to Panel Review Information

Upon written request, scores from the evaluation panel, not including the identity of reviewers, will be sent to the applicant after the review and awards process has been completed.

2. Notification of Partnership Agreement Awards and Notification of Non-Selection

Following approval of the applications selected for funding, notice of project approval and authority to draw down funds will be made to the selected applicants in writing. Within the limit of funds available for such purpose, the awarding official of RMA shall enter into partnership agreements with those applicants whose applications are judged to be most meritorious under the procedures set forth in this announcement. The partnership agreement provides the amount of Federal funds for use in the project period, the terms and conditions of the award, and the time period for the project.

The effective date of the partnership agreement shall be the date the agreement is executed by both parties. All funds provided to the applicant by FCIC must be expended solely for the purpose for which funds are obligated in accordance with the approved application and budget, the regulations, the terms and conditions of the award, and the applicability of Federal cost principles. No commitment of Federal assistance beyond the project period is made or implied, as a result of any award made pursuant to this announcement.

Notification of denial of funding will be sent to applicants after final funding decisions have been made. Reasons for denial of funding can include incomplete proposals, proposals that did not meet the objectives, scored low or were duplicative.

3. Confidential Aspects of Proposals and Awards

When an application results in a partnership agreement, it becomes a part of the official record of RMA transactions, available to the public upon specific request. Information that the Secretary of Agriculture determines to be of a confidential, privileged, or proprietary nature will be held in confidence to the extent permitted by law. Therefore, any information that the applicant wishes to be considered confidential, privileged, or proprietary should be clearly marked within the application, including the basis for such designation. The original copy of a proposal that does not result in an award will be retained by RMA for a period of one year. Other copies will be destroyed. Such a proposal will be released only with the express written consent of the applicant or to the extent required by law. A proposal may be withdrawn at any time prior to award.

4. Administration

All partnership agreements are subject to 7 CFR part 3015.

5. Prohibitions and Requirements With Regard to Lobbying

All partnership agreements are subject to 7 CFR part 3018. A copy of the certification and disclosure forms must be submitted with the application.

6. Applicable OMB Circulars

All partnership agreements funded as a result of this notice will be subject to the requirements contained in all applicable OMB circulars.

C. Reporting

Applicants awarded a partnership agreement will be required to submit quarterly progress and financial reports (SF-269) throughout the project period, as well as a final program and financial report not later than 90 days after the end of the project period.

VII. Agency Contact

If applicants have any questions they may contact: USDA, RMA/RED, 6501 Beacon Drive, Stop 0813, Kansas City, Missouri 64133-4676, or phone: (816) 926-6343, or fax: (816) 926-7343, or e-mail: RMARED.Application@rma.usda.gov.

VIII. Other Information

The names of applicants, the names of individuals identified in the applications, the content of applications, and the panel evaluations of applications will all be kept confidential, except to those involved in the review process, to the extent permitted by law. In addition, the identities of review panel members will remain confidential throughout the entire review process and will not be released to applicants. At the end of the fiscal year, names of panel members will be made available. However, panelists will not be identified with the review of any particular application.

Signed in Washington, DC, on May 18, 2005.

Ross J. Davidson, Jr.,

Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Olympic Peninsula Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Olympic Peninsula Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, June 16, 2005. The meeting will be held at the PUD Auditorium, 307 West Cota Street, Shelton, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at approximately 3:30 p.m. Agenda topics are: Approval of prior meeting minutes; approval of by-laws; update on prior-year Title III projects; update of national RAC training meeting; update on prior year Title II projects; review project proposals; select projects for recommendation for approval; and public comments. All Olympic Peninsula Resource Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Ken Eldredge, Province Liaison, USDA, Olympic National Forest Headquarters, 1835 Black Lake Blvd., Olympia, WA 98512-5623, (360) 956-2323 or Dale Hom, Forest Supervisor, at (360) 956-2301.

Dated: May 17, 2005.

Dale Hom,

Forest Supervisor, Olympic National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Public Teleconference on the Rural Cooperative Development Grant Program

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public teleconference.

SUMMARY: This notice is issued to inform non-profit entities interested in applying for the 2005 Rural Cooperative Development Grant Program that two teleconferences will be held to discuss the 2005 Notice of Solicitation of Applications.

DATES: The public teleconferences will be held on May 31 and June 2, starting at 1 p.m. eastern time. They will end by 4 p.m. unless concluded earlier. Interested entities must register by May 26.

ADDRESSES: Entities must register by submitting an e-mail or sending a letter to: Roberta D. Purcell, Deputy Administrator, Cooperative Programs, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Room 4016-S, Stop 3250, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.,

Washington, DC 20250-3250, cpgrants@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roberta D. Purcell, Deputy Administrator, Cooperative Programs, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Room 4016-S, Stop 3250, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3250, cpgrants@usda.gov, telephone: (202) 720-7558.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The teleconference will be conducted by representatives of the Department of Agriculture. The purpose of the teleconference is to discuss the Rural Cooperative Development Grant Notice of Solicitation of Applications published in the **Federal Register** on May 13, 2005 and to answer questions from interested applicants. Entities must register at the address listed above by May 26 in order to reserve a line and to obtain the teleconference number and pass code.

Dated: May 18, 2005.

Peter J. Thomas,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (VCAT), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, June 14, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology is composed of fifteen members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national

policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include updates on NIST's activities and the U.S. Measurement System Initiative, presentations on Science and Technology Priorities in the Administration and R&D Spending Trends in the Federal Government, a VCAT Panel on Best Practices for Organizational Development, and two laboratory tours. Discussions scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and to end at 9:30 a.m. on June 14, on the NIST budget, planning information and feedback sessions will be closed. Agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST web site. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, e-mail address and phone number to Carolyn Peters no later than Thursday, June 9, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Mrs. Peter's email address is carolyn.peters@nist.gov and her phone number is (301) 975-5607.

DATES: The meeting will convene on June 14 at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Employees Lounge, Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland. Please note admittance instructions under **SUMMARY** paragraph.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn J. Peters, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1000, telephone number (301) 975-5607.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 27, 2004, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which deal with discussion of sensitive budget and planning information that would cause harm to third parties if publicly shared be closed in accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2.

Dated: May 19, 2005.

Richard F. Kayser,

Acting Deputy Director.

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