

The purpose of the project is agricultural irrigation water management. The proposed plan consists of a pump station and pipeline that will allow transfer of water from the Red River to Red Bayou thus providing a dependable source of irrigation water to farmers in the project area. Associated land treatment measures will increase the efficiency of existing irrigation systems, reduce erosion and sedimentation rates, improve water quality and provide incidental opportunities to improve wildlife and fisheries habitat.

The Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data collected during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Donald W. Gohmert.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Donald W. Gohmert,
State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Meeting of the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Air Quality Task Force (AAQTF) will meet to continue discussions on air quality issues relating to agriculture.

DATES: The meeting will convene on Wednesday, August 30, 2006, through Thursday, August 31, 2006. Public comment periods will be held each day. Individuals making oral presentations should register in person at the meeting site and must bring with them 50 copies of any materials they would like distributed. Written materials for the AAQTF's consideration prior to the meeting must be received by Dr. Diane Gelburd no later than Friday, August 4, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Harrisburg Hilton Hotel, One North

Second Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101; telephone: (717) 233-6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions and comments should be directed to Dr. Diane Gelburd, Designated Federal Officer. Dr. Gelburd may be contacted at USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6158-S, Washington, DC 20250; telephone: (202) 720-2587; e-mail: Diane.Gelburd@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. Additional information concerning the AAQTF may be found on the Internet at <http://www.airquality.nrcs.usda.gov/AAQTF/>.

Draft Agenda of the August 30-31 2006, Meeting of the AAQTF

- A. Welcome to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
 - B. Discussion of Minutes from Previous Meeting.
 - C. Discussion of Documents to be Approved by the End of the Meeting.
 - D. Scientific and Subcommittee Presentations.
 1. Emerging Issues Subcommittee Report.
 2. Research Subcommittee Report.
 3. Policy Subcommittee Report.
 4. Education and Outreach Subcommittee Report.
 - E. U.S. Department of Agriculture Update.
 - F. Environmental Protection Agency Update.
 - G. Next Meeting, Time and Place.
 - H. Public Comments.
- (Time will be reserved during each daily session to receive public comments. Individual presentations will be limited to 5 minutes.)

Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. At the discretion of the Chair, members of the public may give oral presentations during the meeting. Those persons wishing to make oral presentations should register in person at the meeting site. Those wishing to distribute written materials at the meeting itself in conjunction with spoken comments must bring 50 copies of the materials with them. Written materials for distribution to AAQTF members prior to the meeting must be received by Dr. Gelburd no later than Friday, August 4, 2006.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with

disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, please contact Dr. Gelburd. USDA prohibits discrimination in its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, or disability. Additionally, discrimination on the basis of political beliefs and marital or family status is also prohibited by statutes enforced by USDA (not all prohibited bases apply to all programs). Persons with disabilities who require alternate means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2000 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Signed in Washington, DC, on July 11, 2006.

Bruce I. Knight,
Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Handbook of Conservation Practices

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices for public review and comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intention of NRCS to issue a series of new or revised conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These standards include: "Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (Code 395)," "Fish Passage (Code 396)," and "Fishpond Management (Code 399)." NRCS State Conservationists who choose to adopt these practices for use within their States will incorporate them into Section IV of their respective electronic Field Office Technical Guides (eFOTG). These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land or on land determined to be wetland.

DATES: Effective Dates: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with this date of publication. After consideration of all comments, final versions of these new or revised conservation practice standards will be adopted after the close

of the 30-day period. Comments should be submitted to Daniel Meyer, National Agricultural Engineer, Post Office Box 2890, Room 6139-S, Washington, DC 20013-2890, or via e-mail: Daniel.Meyer@wdc.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of these standards can be downloaded or printed from the following Web site: <ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/NHQ/practice-standards/federal-register/>. Single copies of these standards are also available from NRCS in Washington, DC. Submit individual inquiries, in writing, to Daniel Meyer, National Agricultural Engineer, Post Office Box 2890, Room 6139-S, Washington, DC 20013-2890, or via e-mail: Daniel.Meyer@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 requires NRCS to make available for public review and comment proposed revisions to conservation practice standards used to carry out the highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law. For the next 30 days, NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of changes will be made.

Signed in Washington, DC, on July 11, 2006.

Bruce I. Knight,

Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

[Docket No.: 060710189-6189-01]

Solicitation of Applications for the Research and Evaluation Program

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Economic Development Administration (EDA) is soliciting applications for FY 2006 Research and Evaluation Program funding. EDA's mission is to lead the Federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Through its Research and Evaluation

Program, EDA works towards fulfilling its mission by funding research and technical assistance projects to promote competitiveness and innovation in urban and rural regions throughout the United States and its territories. By working in conjunction with its research partners, EDA will help States, local governments, and community-based organizations to achieve their highest economic potential.

DATES: Applications (on Form ED-900A, Application for Investment Assistance) for funding under this notice must be received by the EDA representative listed below under **ADDRESSES** no later than August 15, 2006 at 5 p.m. EDT. Applications received after 5 p.m. EDT on August 15, 2006 will not be considered for funding. By September 15, 2006, EDA expects to notify the applicants selected for investment assistance. The selected applicants should expect to receive funding for their projects within thirty (30) days of EDA's notification of selection.

ADDRESSES: Applications submitted pursuant to this notice may be:

1. E-mailed to William P. Kittredge at wkittredge@eda.doc.gov; or
2. Hand-delivered to William P. Kittredge, Senior Program Analyst, Economic Development Administration, Room 7009, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; or
3. Mailed to William P. Kittredge, Senior Program Analyst, Economic Development Administration, Room 7009, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Applicants are encouraged to submit applications by e-mail. Applicants are advised that, due to mail security measures, EDA's receipt of mail sent via the United States Postal Service may be substantially delayed or suspended in delivery. EDA will not accept applications submitted by facsimile.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, please contact William P. Kittredge at (202) 482-5442 or via e-mail at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access: The Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement for this competitive solicitation is available at www.grants.gov and at EDA's Internet Web site at <http://www.eda.gov>. Paper copies of the Form ED-900A, "Application for Investment Assistance" (OMB Control No. 0610-0094), and additional information on EDA and its Research and Evaluation Program may be obtained from EDA's Internet Web site at <http://www.eda.gov>.

Funding Availability: Funds appropriated under the Science, State, Justice, Commerce and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109-108, 119 Stat. 2290 (2005)) are available for making awards under the Research and Evaluation Program authorized by section 207 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3147), as amended (PWEDA), and 13 CFR part 306, subpart A. Funds up to \$200,000 are available, and shall remain available until expended, for funding awards pursuant to this competitive solicitation. This is the second FFO announcement published under this program during FY 2006. The first announcement under National Technical Assistance was published on June 16, 2006. EDA anticipates publishing at least one more FFO announcement under this program later this fiscal year.

Statutory Authority: The authority for the Research and Evaluation Program is section 207 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3147). You may access EDA's currently effective regulations (codified at 13 CFR Chapter III) and PWEDA on EDA's Internet Web site at <http://www.eda.gov>.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 11.312, Economic Development—Research and Evaluation.

Eligibility Requirement: Pursuant to PWEDA, eligible applicants for and eligible recipients of EDA investment assistance include a District Organization; an Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; a State; a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; an institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; a public or private non-profit organization or association; a private individual; or a for-profit organization. See section 3 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3122) and 13 CFR 300.3.

Cost Sharing Requirement: Generally, the amount of the EDA grant may not exceed fifty (50) percent of the total cost of the project. Projects may receive an additional amount that shall not exceed thirty (30) percent, based on the relative needs of the region in which the project will be located, as determined by EDA. See section 204(a) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3144) and 13 CFR 301.4(b)(1). Under this competitive solicitation, the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development (Assistant Secretary) has the discretion to establish a maximum EDA investment rate of up to one hundred (100) percent where the