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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Rural Housing Service****Request for Proposals (RFP):
Demonstration Program for
Agriculture, Aquaculture, and Seafood
Processing and/or Fishery Worker
Housing Grants**

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) announces the availability of agriculture, aquaculture, and seafood processing and/or fishery worker housing grants in the States of Alaska, Mississippi, Utah, and Wisconsin. This Notice was published on April 6, 2004, in the **Federal Register**, vol. 69, page 18040, to award \$4,970,500 in grant funds for a housing demonstration program for agriculture, aquaculture, and seafood processing and/or fishery workers in the above states.

Public Law 108-199 (Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004) authorized

RHS to establish a demonstration program to provide financial assistance (grants) for processing and/or fishery worker housing in the States of Alaska, Mississippi, Utah, and Wisconsin. This RFP requests proposals from qualified private and public nonprofit agencies, non-profit cooperatives, state and local governments, and tribal organizations in Alaska, Mississippi, Utah, and Wisconsin to construct housing for agriculture, aquaculture, and seafood processing and/or fishery workers. Any one project may not receive grant funds of more than \$1,370,595 from this program. Applications will only be accepted from applicants who will use the funds awarded in the following states: Alaska, Mississippi, Utah, or Wisconsin. Housing facilities constructed under this RFP are expected to increase the supply of housing for agriculture, aquaculture, and seafood processing and/or fishery workers in markets where adequate housing is not available. The Agency has remaining funds in the amount of \$1,370,595 which will be awarded in this Notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Paperwork Reduction Act**

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, OMB must approve all "collections of information" by RHS. The Act defines "collection of information" as a requirement for "answers to * * * identical reporting or recordkeeping requirements imposed on ten or more persons * * *." (44 U.S.C. 3502(3)(A)) Because this RFP will receive less than 10 applicants, the Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply.

General Information

The agriculture, aquaculture, and seafood processing and/or fishery worker housing grants authorized by Public Law 108-199 are for the purpose of developing a housing demonstration program for agriculture, aquaculture, and seafood processing and/or fishery worker housing in markets that have a demonstrated need for housing for such workers. Under Public Law 108-199, RHS had the authority to award \$4,970,500 in grant funds for a housing demonstration program for agriculture, aquaculture, and seafood processing and/or fishery workers in Alaska, Mississippi, Utah, and Wisconsin. This Notice is awarding the remaining \$1,370,595 for the aforementioned purposes.

As part of the application, all applicants must also provide a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. As required by the Office of Management and Budget

(OMB), all grant applicants must provide a DUNS number when applying for Federal grants, on or after October 1, 2003. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS number request line at 1-866-705-5711. Additional information concerning this requirement is provided in a policy directive issued by OMB and published in the **Federal Register** on June 27, 2003 (68 FR 38402-38405).

To comply with the President's Management Agenda, the Department of Agriculture is participating as a partner in the new government-wide site in FY 2007 grants.gov. The Web site can be found at <http://www.grants.gov>. The Agriculture, Aquaculture and Seafood Processing and/or Fishery Worker Housing Grant [Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance #10.433] is one of the programs included at this Web site. Please note that you must locate the downloadable application package for this program by the CFDA Number or FedGrants Funding Opportunity Number, which can be found at <http://www.fedgrants.gov>. If you are an applicant under the Agriculture, Aquaculture and Seafood Processing and/or Fishery Worker Housing Grant, you may submit your application to the Agency in either electronic or paper format. The deadline for electronic and paper format is based on the local time for each USDA Rural Development State Office.

Users of grants.gov will be able to download a copy of the application package, complete it off line, and then upload and submit the application via the grants.gov site. You may not e-mail an electronic copy of a grant application to RHS; however, the Agency encourages your participation in grants.gov. The following are useful tips and instructions on how to use the Web site:

- When you enter the grants.gov site, you will find information about submitting an application electronically through the site as well as the hours of operation. RHS strongly recommends that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the application process through grants.gov. To use grants.gov, applicants must have a DUNS number.

- You may submit all documents electronically through the Web site, including all information typically included on the Application for Rural Housing Preservation Grants, and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- Your application must comply with any page limit requirements described in this NOFA.

- After you electronically submit your application through the Web site, you will receive an automatic acknowledgement from grants.gov that contains a grants.gov tracking number.

- RHS may request that you provide original signatures on forms at a later date.

- You must meet the closing date and local time deadline. If you experience technical difficulties on the closing date and are unable to meet the 5 p.m. (Washington, DC time) deadline, print out your application and submit it to your State Office.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of all applications in response to this RFP is 5 p.m., eastern time, on _____ 2007. The application closing deadline is firm as to date and hour. RHS will not consider any application that is received after the closing deadline. Applicants intending to mail applications must provide sufficient time to permit delivery on or before the closing deadline. Acceptance by a post office or private mailer does not constitute delivery. Facsimile (FAX), Cash on Delivery (COD), and postage due applications will not be accepted.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted to Henry Searcy, Jr., Senior Loan Specialist, USDA Rural Development, Rural Housing Service, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division, STOP 0781, Room 1263, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0781. RHS will date and time certify incoming applications to evidence timely receipt and, upon request, will provide the applicant with a written acknowledgement of receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and an application package, including all required forms, contact Henry Searcy, Jr., Senior Loan Specialist, USDA, Rural Housing Service, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division, Stop 0781, Room 1263, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0781, telephone (202) 720-1753. (This is not a toll-free number.)

I. Purpose

Public Law 108-199 authorized funds to implement a demonstration grant program for the construction of housing for agriculture, aquaculture, and seafood processing and/or fishery workers in Alaska, Mississippi, Utah, and Wisconsin.

The demonstration program has been designed to increase the supply of rental housing for a growing segment of the population whose needs are not currently being met. The program is expected to provide housing

opportunities for processing workers in markets that cannot support other forms of conventional and government housing models. Grantees may not require any occupant of the housing or related facilities, as a condition of occupancy, to work or be employed by any particular processor, fishery, or other place, or work for or be employed by any particular person, firm, or interest.

Developers of housing under this program will receive a grant of up to 80% of the Total Development Cost (TDC) of the project. TDC includes all hard costs, soft costs, initial operating reserves, administrative fees, furnishings and equipment, and related facilities.

Housing constructed under this program may not receive RHS Rental Assistance or Operating Subsidies authorized under 42 U.S.C. 1490a for payment of tenant rents. Project financial models should be structured to work without rental subsidies while keeping rents affordable for the target population.

Projects should be located close to tenants' workplaces and services as much as feasible. Location of the project is not limited to rural areas as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1490.

II. Project Threshold Criteria

All applications must meet the minimum threshold requirements contained in this RFP. The threshold criteria are as follows:

A. Occupancy Requirements

Eligibility for residency in facilities constructed under this RFP is limited to individuals and families who earn at least 40% of their income from work as an agriculture, aquaculture, or seafood processing and/or fishery worker and earn less than or equal to 60% of the National Median Income for a family of four as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. Residents must be United States citizens or be legally admitted for permanent residence.

B. Eligible Grantees

Eligibility for grants under this notice is limited to qualified private and public non-profit agencies, non-profit cooperatives, state and local governments, and tribal organizations in Alaska, Mississippi, Utah and Wisconsin to construct housing for agriculture, aquaculture, and seafood processing and/or fishery workers. Faith based applicants meeting these requirements are also eligible. Applicants must possess the experience, knowledge, and capacity to develop

affordable multi-family housing in rural areas.

C. Grant Limit

A grant under this RFP may fund up to 80% of a project's TDC. TDC includes all hard costs, soft costs, initial operating reserves, administrative fees, furnishings and equipment, and related facilities. Applications will only be accepted from the following states: Alaska, Mississippi, Utah, or Wisconsin.

D. Equity Contributions and Leveraged Funds

As stated above, a grant may fund up to 80% of the TDC which leaves at least 20% of the TDC to be funded from other sources. The applicant is encouraged to seek funding from sources with favorable rates and terms in order to keep rents within the reach of the target population. For this reason, additional selection points will be given to proposals that have funding with favorable rates and terms. Examples of such funding sources may include the Federal Home Loan Bank, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or a State, county, or local government. Conventional loans may also be used; however, the rates and terms may not be in excess of what is common in the housing industry. For this purpose, the interest rate of any such loan may not exceed 200 basis points above the 10-year Treasury bond rate as of the date of grant closing. The term of any loan must be a minimum of 10 years and it must be amortized over a 30 year period. Longer terms are preferred. The objective in setting these limits is to create affordable rents for the tenants. In each case, equity contributions and loans must be contributed and disbursed prior to the disbursement of any grant funds from the Agency.

E. Eligible Costs

Eligible costs for grants under this RFP include all project related costs including all hard costs, soft costs, initial operating reserves, administrative fees, furnishings and equipment, and related facilities. Eligible costs also include technical assistance received from a non-identity of interest nonprofit organization with housing and/or community development experience, to assist the applicant in the development and packaging of its grant docket and project. Eligible costs for technical assistance is permitted by 7 CFR 3560.53 and may not exceed 4 percent of the TDC.

F. Term of Use

The project will remain in use for the intended purpose as required under 7 CFR parts 3015, 3016, or 3019, as applicable. These provisions require the grant recipient to use the real property for the authorized purpose of the project. The type of security instrument will be determined, prior to grant closing, by the Agency's Regional Office of the General Counsel.

G. Site Control

The developer must own or demonstrate evidence of site control of the proposed site. At a minimum, site control must extend 180 days past the date of application submission and is preferred to be for one year. Proof of site control should be submitted with the application. This can be in the form of a contract of sale, option agreement, long-term lease agreement, or deed or other documentation of ownership by the applicant. The applicant must exercise care in site selection. Site approval is subject to completion of an environmental assessment by RHS and sites with environmental problems will increase the amount of time necessary to complete this assessment. Proposals which will directly or indirectly impact protected resources, such as floodplains or wetlands, can require consideration of alternative sites, changes in project design, or the implementation of other mitigation measures to lessen adverse effects on the environment.

H. Zoning

A zoning designation adequate to develop the type of housing and number of units proposed is required. Evidence of proper zoning must be included with the application. Where there is a clear plan to have a site rezoned, a narrative explaining the situation and detailing the process and timeline for rezoning may be accepted.

I. Utilities

Adequate capacity to connect the project to water, sewer, electricity, and telephone services must be demonstrated. Letters from utility providers must be included in the application. If on-site utilities are proposed, engineering reports indicating correct soil types, adequate land capacity, etc. must be included in the application.

J. Appraisals

As required by 7 CFR 3015.56, if land is being donated as part of the grantee's contribution, the market value must be set by an independent appraiser and certified by a responsible official of the grantee. An appraisal will also be

required if project funds are used to purchase land.

K. Market Demand

Projects funded under this RFP shall be in markets with demonstrated need for agriculture, aquaculture, and seafood processing and/or fishery worker housing. All applications should include documentation of this need in the form of a market analysis, survey, or other documentation of need.

L. Design Characteristics

Housing constructed under this demonstration may be of any architectural style as long as it is permitted by local zoning laws, meets all applicable building codes, and fits with the character of the surrounding community. However, the facilities should not be of extravagant design and their size must be commensurate with the needs of the workers who will occupy the housing facility. When planning units for families, lower density building design and layout is normally desirable. Housing should be designed in such a manner that it will be decent, safe, sanitary, and modest in size and cost. Actual plans, specifications, and contract documents must be prepared in accordance with 7 CFR part 1924, subpart A.

Building design is subject to the requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, and any state or local accessibility requirements. For these reasons, buildings must be designed and constructed in accordance with the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards, the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines, the Fair Housing Act Accessibility Guidelines, and any state or local standards.

Particular attention should be given to 7 CFR 1924.13 which gives supplemental requirements for complex construction. All construction contracts must be awarded on the basis of competitive bidding unless an exception is granted in accordance with 7 CFR 1924.13. In either case, the Contractor must be reliable and experienced in the construction of projects of similar size, design, scope, and complexity. The construction contracts must contain the nondiscrimination language, in its entirety, that is required by E.O. 11246 (refer to 41 CFR 60-1.4(b) subparagraphs 1-7 for the specific language). The plans and specifications, including the construction contract, must be reviewed and accepted by RHS prior to the start of construction.

Until the plans and specifications have been approved and the grant is closed, construction work should not be started. When there are construction changes that affect design, costs, or time, the change must be documented as a contract change order and must be signed by the borrower, borrower's architect, contractor, and Agency representative before the work involved in the change is started or the costs are included in a payment request. Changes that do not affect design, costs, or time, may be handled as field orders and do not require Agency approval.

RHS will conduct periodic inspections during construction to protect the interest of the Government.

M. Civil Rights

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits recipients of Federal financial assistance from discriminating in their programs and activities on the basis of race, color, or national origin. It also requires recipients (1) to sign a civil rights assurance agreement (i.e., Form RD 400-4), (2) to collect statistical data on race and national origin, (3) submit to the Agency timely, complete, and accurate compliance reports so that the Agency can determine compliance with program regulations and applicable civil rights laws, and (4) to disseminate information to the public stating that the recipient operates a program that is subject to the non-discrimination requirements of Title VI and briefly explain the procedures for filing complaints.

Borrowers and grantees must take reasonable steps to ensure that Limited English Proficiency (LEP) persons receive the language assistance necessary to afford them meaningful access to USDA programs and activities, free of charge. Failure to ensure that LEP persons can effectively participate in or benefit from federally-assisted programs and activities may violate the prohibition under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000d and Title VI regulations against national origin discrimination.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits recipients of Federal financial assistance from discriminating against persons with disabilities and requires recipients to make their programs and activities accessible to, and usable by, persons with disabilities.

The Fair Housing Act (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988) prohibits discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, and national origin in the sale, rental, or advertising of dwellings in providing services or

availability of residential real estate transactions.

The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 prohibits recipients of Federal financial assistance from discriminating in their programs and activities on the basis of age. Post award compliance reviews will be conducted in accordance with RD Instruction 1901-E, section 1901.204.

As part of the grant proposal, the applicant must provide (1) a notice of all civil rights law suits filed against it; (2) a description of assistance applications they have pending in other Agencies and of Federal assistance being provided; (3) a description of any civil rights compliance reviews of the applicant during the preceding two years; and (4) a statement as to whether the applicant has been found in noncompliance with any civil rights requirements.

Successful applicants have a duty to affirmatively further fair housing. Proposals will include specific steps that the applicant will take to promote, ensure, and affirmatively further fair housing.

In the event Federal financial assistance will be used to obtain or improve real property, instruments of conveyance shall contain a covenant running with the land assuring non-discrimination for the period the real property is used for the same or similar purpose the Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provisions of similar services or benefits. The covenant shall be as follows:

"The property described herein was obtained or improved with Federal financial assistance and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the regulations issued thereto. This covenant is in effect for as long as the property continues to be used for the same or similar purpose for which the financial assistance was extended, or for as long as the above recipient owns it, whichever is longer."

Contractors must comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity Executive Order 11246, as amended, and construction contracts must contain the specific non-discrimination language, in its entirety, that is required by the Executive Order.

Before funds are disbursed, a pre-award civil rights compliance review will be conducted by the Agency to determine whether the applicant is, and will be, in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Fair Housing Act, and the Age

Discrimination Act of 1975. In addition, the Agency will conduct a Civil Rights Impact Analysis.

N. Environmental Requirements

All applications are subject to satisfactory completion of the appropriate level of environmental review by RHS in accordance with 7 CFR part 1940, subpart G. For the purposes of 7 CFR part 1940, subpart G, applications under this RFP will be considered as applications for the financing of multi-family housing. All applications are subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-income Populations."

All applications are subject to the flood insurance requirements of 7 CFR part 1806, subpart B.

O. Applicable Regulations

All grants funded under this program must meet the requirements of 7 CFR part 3015 and parts 3016 or 3019, as applicable, Rural Development Instruction 1924-A (7 CFR part 1924, subpart A), and 1924-C (7 CFR part 1924, subpart C).

P. Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number

As required by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), all grant applicants must provide a DUNS number when applying for Federal grants, on or after October 1, 2003. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711. Additional information concerning this requirement is provided in a policy directive issued by OMB and published in the **Federal Register** on June 27, 2003 (68 FR 38402-38405).

III. Proposal Format

A. Proposals must include the following:

1. Standard Form (SF)-424, "Application for Federal Assistance."
2. Applicant's DUNS number.
3. Documentation to evidence the applicant's status as a private or public nonprofit agency, nonprofit cooperative, state or local government, or tribal organization.
4. Applicant's Financial Statements.
5. Form HUD 935.2, "Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan."
6. Form RD 3560-30, "Identity of Interest (IOI) Disclosure Certification" and, "Identity of Interest (IOI) Qualification."
7. Form HUD 2530, "Previous Participation Certification."

8. Form RD 1924–13, “Estimate and Certificate of Actual Cost.”

9. Form RD 3560–7, “Multiple Family Housing Project Budget” including rent schedule and operating and maintenance budget.

10. Form RD 1940–20, “Request for Environmental Information.”

11. A narrative statement that documents the applicant’s experience, knowledge, and capacity to develop multifamily housing.

12. A Sources and Uses Statement showing all sources of funding included in the proposed project. The terms and schedules of all sources included in the project should be included in the Sources and Uses Statement.

13. Applicant organizational documents (articles of incorporation, by laws, etc.).

14. A narrative description of the proposed project, including a description of site, housing, amenities, etc.

15. A location map showing the site and surrounding services.

16. Evidence of site control.

17. Evidence of proper zoning or explanation of how proper zoning will be achieved.

18. Evidence of utilities availability or evidence that the site is suitable for on-site utilities.

19. A description of any related facilities including justification and cost of such facilities.

20. Schematic design drawings including a site plan, building elevations, and floor plans.

21. Outline specifications.

22. A statement agreeing to pay any cost overruns from the applicant’s own sources.

23. Documentation of need in the form of a market study, survey, or other sources.

24. A list of all other funding sources and conditional commitments from those funding sources. The conditional commitments must provide the costs of those funds (i.e., rates, terms, fees, etc.).

25. If seeking points under Evaluation Criteria, Paragraph IV.B., a copy of the Tenant Services Plan and letters from the service provider which document that they will provide the service on-site and on a reoccurring basis.

26. Form RD 400–4, Assurance Agreement.

B. The above items are required for the RFP response. If a proposal is accepted for further processing, there will be additional submittals required.

IV. Evaluation Criteria

A. Leveraging (Up to 40 Points)

Points will be awarded based on the percent of non-RHS funds specifically

identified and designated to supplement RHS funds. Leveraged funds may include donated land. In the case of donated land, the amount of leveraging will be determined by an opinion of value to be prepared by an independent, licensed appraiser. Points will be awarded as follows:

Percent of leveraging	Points
Over 50%	10
21% to 50%	5

Additional points will be awarded based on the cost of the leveraged funds. A maximum of 30 points will be awarded under this criteria. If a proposal has multiple funding sources, points will be awarded proportionately to the amount that each funding source provides, as a percentage of the applicant’s contribution. Points will be awarded as follows:

Cost of leveraged funds	Points
Grant funds without any repayment costs	30
Loans with interest rates below the 10-year Fed bond rate	25
Loans with interest rates above the 10-year Fed bond rate (but less than 101 basis points above it)	15
Loans with interest rates more than 100 basis points above the Fed bond rate (but no more than 200 points above it)	5

B. Tenant Services (Up to 25 Points)

Points will be awarded based on the presence of and extent to which a tenant services plan exists that clearly outlines services that will be provided to residents of the proposed project.

These services include but are not limited to:

1. Day care or before and after school child care.
2. Computer learning centers.
3. Homeownership and budget counseling.
4. Parenting programs for young parents (such as family support centers), parenting skills sessions for all interested parents, and parent and child activities.
5. Literacy programs (such as book clubs, toddler reading programs, story groups), libraries and book sharing groups or centers.
6. Art activities or art centers for children that include painting, photography, ceramics, etc.
7. Health education and referral or health care outreach centers.
8. Job training and preparation centers.
9. Housing services and/or community coordinators.

10. Mentoring programs where young adults mentor adolescents or more established adults mentor other adults.

11. Community meeting centers.

12. Recreation centers located within housing complexes.

13. Nutritional services.

14. Transportation services.

A Tenant Services Plan must be submitted with the application to receive points under this criteria. In addition, letters from the service provider must be submitted. The letters from the service providers must document that they will provide the services at the project site and on a regular, reoccurring basis. In addition, the proposed design of the housing must include the necessary physical space for the services to be provided on-site. Unless each of the above requirements are met, points will not be awarded. Five points will be awarded for each resident service included in the tenant services plan up to a maximum of 25 points.

C. Energy Generation and Energy Conservation (Up to 5 Points)

In an effort to implement USDA’s nationwide initiative to promote renewable energy and energy conservation, Rural Development (RD) has adopted incentives for energy generation and energy conservation. Participation in these nationwide initiatives is voluntary, but is strongly encouraged.

Energy Generation. Applicants will be awarded points if the proposal includes the installation of energy generation systems to be funded by a third party. The proposal must include an overview of the energy generation system being proposed. Evidence that an energy generation system has been funded by a third party and that it has a quantifiable positive impact on energy consumption will be required. (5 points)

Energy Conservation. Applicants will be awarded points to construct (or substantially rehabilitate) housing that earns the ENERGY STAR label for new residential construction. Units earning the ENERGY STAR label must be independently verified to meet guidelines for energy efficiency as set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. All procedures used in verifying a unit for the ENERGY STAR label must comply with National Home Energy Ratings System (HERS) guidelines. ENERGY STAR guidelines for residential construction apply to homes that are three stories or less and single or low-rise multi-family residential buildings.

The Applicant will include in the narrative an explanation of how they

plan to incorporate ENERGY STAR. Construction plans pertaining to energy efficiency must be developed with, reviewed, and accepted by a HERS certified rater, the contractor, and the owner. Progress inspections must be made at appropriate times by a HERS certified rater to ensure that the housing is being constructed or rehabilitated according to ENERGY STAR specifications. In order to receive final payment, applicants will be required to submit the appropriate rating reports from the HERS rater to RD as evidence that the housing has been constructed to meet the standards of ENERGY STAR. For further information about ENERGY STAR, see <http://www.energystar.gov> or call the following toll-free numbers: (888) 782-7939 or (888) 588-9920 (TTY). (5 points)

V. Review Process

All proposals will be evaluated by a RHS grant committee. The grant committee will make recommendations to the RHS Administrator concerning preliminary eligibility determinations and for the selection of proposal for further processing, based on the selection criteria contained in this RFP and the availability of funds. The Administrator will inform applicants of the status of their proposals within 30 days of the closing date of the RFP.

If the proposal is accepted for further processing, the applicant will be expected to submit additional information prior to grant obligation. In addition, RHS must complete the appropriate level of environmental review prior to grant obligation. The applicant is expected to assist RHS, as necessary, in the development of this environmental review. In the event that an application is selected for further processing and the applicant either declines or reduces the size of their grant request, the RHS National Office will, at its discretion, either select the next highest ranked unfunded proposal or not utilize the funds for this demonstration project.

Prior to grant obligation, grant recipients shall enter into the grant agreement provided as Appendix A to this RFP.

The applicant will have one year from the date of the obligation of grant funds to begin construction.

VI. RHS Monitoring

During construction, RHS will take part in periodic progress meetings at the project site and shall inspect completed work. RHS approval of work completed must be given before grant funds can be disbursed for that work.

RHS monitoring shall continue throughout the useful life of the project or until the grant is terminated under provisions established in 7 CFR part 3015 and parts 3016 or 3019, as applicable. Monitoring shall consist of initial and annual tenant certifications, civil rights compliance reviews, triennial physical inspections, annual proposed and actual operating budgets, and annual audits. If other funding sources involved in the project require reporting, those formats may be used in place of RHS methods as long as those formats meet RHS requirements.

Tenants and grantees must execute an Agency-approved tenant certification form establishing the tenant's eligibility prior to occupancy. In addition, tenant households must be recertified and must execute a tenant certification form at least annually.

Grantees will submit to a triennial (once every three years) physical inspection of the project. RHS will inspect for health and safety issues, deferred maintenance, and other physical problems that can endanger the provision of decent, affordable housing to the target population on a long-term basis.

Annual proposed and actual operating and maintenance budgets will be required to insure that all project needs are being met and all RHS guidelines are being followed. The form of operating and maintenance budgets will be designated by RHS.

The grantee must submit annual audits of the project finances to RHS in accordance with the requirements established by OMB, in accordance with in 7 CFR part 3052.

Nondiscrimination Statement

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

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Dated: July 9, 2007.

Russell T. Davis,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

Appendix A—Processing and/or Fishery Worker Housing Grant Agreement

United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Housing Service

Processing and/or Fishery Worker Housing Grant Agreement

This Grant Agreement (Agreement) dated _____, _____, is a contract for receipt of grant funds under the Processing and/or Fishery Worker Housing Grant Demonstration Program authorized in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Pub. L. 108-199). This grant will be administered under the Request for Proposals (RFP): Demonstration Program for Agriculture, Aquaculture, and Seafood Processing and/or Fishery Worker Housing Grants published in the **Federal Register** on _____, 2007, and the regulations governing the Farm Labor Housing Grant program (7 CFR part 3560 subpart L and 7 CFR 3560 subpart E). These requirements do not supersede the applicable requirements for receipt of Federal funds stated in 7 CFR parts 3015, "Uniform Federal Assistance Regulations," 3016 "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," or 3019, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Non-profit Organizations." Further, all relevant regulatory requirements, including 7 CFR parts 3015, 3016 and 3019, apply to applicants whether contained in here or not.

Between _____, a private or public nonprofit agency, nonprofit cooperative, state or local government, or tribal organization (Grantee) and the United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service (RHS), Department of Agriculture, (Grantor)

Witnesseth:

All references herein to "Project" refer to a Processing and/or Fishery Worker Housing facility to serve a rural community generally known as _____. The principal amount of the grant is \$ _____ (Grant Funds) which is _____ percent of Project costs.

Whereas

Grantee has determined to undertake the acquisition, construction, enlargement, capital improvement, or purchase of equipment for a project with a total estimated cost of \$ _____. Grantee is able to finance and has committed \$ _____ of Project costs.

The Grantor has agreed to give the Grantee the Grant Funds, subject to the terms and conditions established by the Grantor. Provided, however, that any Grant Funds actually advanced and not needed for grant purposes shall be returned immediately to the Grantor. The Grantor may terminate the grant in whole, or in part, at any time before the date of completion, whenever it is determined that the Grantee has failed to

comply with the conditions of this Agreement or the applicable regulations.

As a condition of this Agreement, the Grantee assures and certifies that it is in compliance with and will comply in the course of the Agreement with all applicable laws, regulations, Executive Orders, and other generally applicable requirements, including those contained in 7 CFR 3015.205(b), which are incorporated into this Agreement by reference, and such other statutory provisions as are specifically contained herein.

Now, therefore, in consideration of said grant, and completing and reviewing the collection of information, Grantee agrees that Grantee will:

A. Cause said Project to be constructed within the total sums available to it, including Grant Funds, in accordance with any architectural or engineering reports, and any necessary modifications, prepared by Grantee and approved by Grantor.

B. Provide periodic reports as required by Grantor and permit periodic inspection of the Project by a representative of the Grantor. For grant-only Projects, Form SF-269, "Financial Status Report," and a project performance report will be required on a quarterly basis (due 15 working days after each calendar quarter). A final project performance report will be required with the last "Financial Status Report." The final report may serve as the last quarterly report. Grantees shall constantly monitor performance to ensure that time schedules are being met, projected work by time periods is being accomplished, and other performance objectives are being achieved. The project performance reports shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. A comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established for that period;

2. Reasons why established objectives were not met;

3. Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will affect attainment of overall project objectives, prevent meeting time schedules or objectives, or preclude the attainment of particular project work elements during established time periods. This disclosure shall be accomplished by a statement of the action taken or planned to resolve the situation; and

4. Objectives and timetables established for the next reporting period.

C. Manage, operate, and maintain the facility, including this Project if less than the whole of said facility, continuously in an efficient and economical manner.

D. Not use grant funds to replace any financial support previously provided or assured from any other source. The Grantee agrees that the Grantee's level of expenditure for the Project shall be maintained and not reduced as a result of Grant Funds.

E. Make the public facility or services available to all persons in Grantee's service area without discrimination as to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation or physical or mental disability at reasonable rates, including assessments, taxes, or fees. Grantee may make modifications as long as they are reasonable and nondiscriminatory. The

Grantee agrees to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title XI of the Education Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title XI of the Education Act of 1972, Title VIII of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 as amended in 1988, and Executive Order 11246. The Grantee will make the public facility or service available to all persons in the Grantee's service area without regard to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex national origin, age, marital status and disability. Grantee will make known to tenants and applicants the reasonable accommodation requirements under the Fair Housing Amendments Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Departmental Regulations. Grantee is required to make modification at the complex's expense, unless to so, would cause an undue financial or administrative burden.

F. Execute any agreements required by Grantor which Grantee is legally authorized to execute. If any such agreement has been executed by Grantee as a result of a loan being made to Grantee by Grantor contemporaneously with the making of this grant, that agreement applies equally to the grant and another identical agreement need not be executed in connection with this grant.

G. Repay to Grantor the Grant Funds with any legally permitted interest from the date of any default under its representations or agreements contained in this instrument. The provisions of this Agreement may be enforced by Grantor, at its option and without regard to prior waivers of previous defaults by Grantee, by judicial proceedings to require specific performance of the terms of this Agreement or by such other proceedings in law or equity, in either Federal or State courts, as may be deemed necessary by Grantor to assure compliance with the provisions of this Agreement and the laws and regulations under which this grant is made.

H. Use the real property including land, improvements, structures, and appurtenances thereto, for authorized purposes of the grant as long as needed.

1. Title to real property shall vest in the Grantee subject to the condition that the Grantee shall use the real property for the authorized purpose of the original grant as long as needed.

2. The Grantee shall obtain Grantor's approval to use the real property in other projects when the Grantee determines that the property is no longer needed for the original grant purposes. Use in other projects shall be limited to those under other Federal grant programs or programs that have purposes consistent with those authorized for support by the Grantor.

3. When the real property is no longer needed, as provided in Paragraphs H.1 and H.2 above, the Grantee shall request disposition instructions from the Grantor.

This Grant Agreement covers the following described real property (use continuation sheets as necessary).

I. Abide by the following conditions pertaining to equipment which is furnished

by the Grantor or acquired wholly or in part with Grant Funds. Equipment means tangible, non-expendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year.

1. Use of equipment.

(a) The Grantee shall use the equipment in the Project for which it was acquired as long as needed. When no longer needed for the original project, the Grantee shall dispose or use the equipment in accordance with 7 CFR parts 3015, 3016 or 3019 whichever is applicable.

3. The Grantee's property management standards for equipment shall include:

(a) Property records which accurately provide for: A description of the equipment; manufacturer's serial number or other identification number; acquisition date and cost; source of the equipment; percentage (at the end of budget year) of Federal participation in the cost of the Project for which the equipment was acquired; location, use, and condition of the equipment and the date the information was reported; and ultimate disposition data including sales price or the method used to determine current fair market value if the Grantee reimburses the Grantor for its share.

(b) A physical inventory of equipment shall be taken and the results reconciled with the equipment records at least once every two years to verify the existence, current utilization, and continued need for the equipment.

(c) A control system shall be in effect to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of the equipment. Any loss, damage, or theft of equipment shall be investigated and fully documented.

(d) Adequate maintenance procedures shall be implemented to keep the equipment in good condition.

(e) Proper sales procedures shall be established for unneeded equipment which would provide for competition to the extent practicable and result in the highest possible return.

This Grant Agreement covers the following described equipment (use continuation sheets as necessary).

J. Provide Financial Management Systems which will include:

1. Accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial results of each grant. Financial reporting will be on an accrual basis.

2. Records which identify adequately the source and application of funds for grant-supported activities. Those records shall contain information pertaining to grant awards and authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, liabilities, outlays, and income.

3. Effective control over and accountability for all funds, property, and other assets. Grantees shall adequately safeguard all such assets and shall ensure that they are used solely for authorized purposes.

4. Accounting records supported by source documentation.

K. Retain financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertinent to the grant for a period of at least three years after grant closing except that the records shall be retained beyond the three-year period if audit findings have not

been resolved. Microfilm or photocopies or similar methods may be substituted in lieu of original records. The Grantor and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Grantee's which are pertinent to the specific grant program for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts.

L. Provide either an audit report, annual financial statements, or other documentation prepared in accordance with Grantor regulations to allow the Grantor to determine that funds have been used in compliance with the proposal, any applicable laws and regulations, and this Agreement.

M. Agree to account for and to return to Grantor interest earned on grant funds pending their disbursement for program purposes when the Grantee is a unit of local government. States and agencies or an instrumentality of a State shall not be held accountable for interest earned on Grant Funds pending their disbursement.

N. Not encumber, transfer or dispose of the property or any part thereof, furnished by the Grantor or acquired wholly or in part with Grantor funds without the written consent of the Grantor except as provided in Paragraphs H and I.

O. Not duplicate other Project purposes for which monies have been received, are committed, or are applied to from other sources (public or private).

P. From construction completion throughout the term of the grant, the grantee shall submit on an annual basis, or as needed, the following:

1. Project Operating Budget to be completed on Form RD 1930-7 "Multiple Family Housing Project Budget." All sections of the budget are to be completed including, but not limited to, proposed and actual income and expense estimates, operating and maintenance expenses, special account statements (reserve, tax and insurance, and security deposit accounts) and capital improvement budgets.

2. Annual Tenant Certification to be completed on Form RD 1944-8, "Tenant Certification." This document shall be the official means by which tenant eligibility is established. This document must be completed by each tenant and the Grantee at the time of initial move-in, following a fluctuation in tenant income or change in employment sector (processing to non-processing), and on each annual lease anniversary. The Grantee shall verify tenant income and employment sector with pay stubs, employer letters, or other documents which can verify the tenant's employment in agriculture, aquaculture, and seafood processing and/or fishery work and the tenants household income.

3. Other forms and reports as required by Federal, State, or local statute.

Q. Use of Real Property. The facility shall remain in use for its initially designated purpose of providing housing for agriculture, aquaculture, and seafood processing and/or fishery workers. Grantee will not require any occupant of the housing or related facilities, as a condition of occupancy, to work or be employed by any particular processor,

fishery, or other place, or work for or be employed by any particular person, firm, or interest. When no longer needed, RHS may approve the use of the property for other uses in accordance with 7 CFR parts 3015, 3016 and 3019, whichever is applicable.

Grantor Agrees That It:

A. Will make available to Grantee for the purpose of this Agreement not to exceed \$_____ which it will advance to Grantee to meet but not to exceed ____ percent of the Project development costs in accordance with the actual needs of Grantee as determined by Grantor.

B. Will assist Grantee, within available appropriations, with such technical assistance as Grantor deems appropriate in planning the Project and coordinating the plan with local official comprehensive plans for essential community facilities and with any State or area plans for the area in which the project is located.

C. At its sole discretion and at any time, may give any consent, deferment, subordination, release, satisfaction, or termination of any or all of Grantee's grant obligations, with or without valuable consideration, upon such terms and conditions as Grantor may determine to be (1) advisable to further the purpose of the grant or to protect Grantor's financial interest therein and (2) consistent with both the statutory purposes of the grant and the limitations of the statutory authority under which it is made.

Termination of This Agreement

This Agreement may be terminated for cause in the event of default on the part of the Grantee or for convenience of the Grantor and Grantee prior to the date of completion of the grant purpose. Termination for convenience will occur when both the Grantee and Grantor agree that the continuation of the Project will not produce beneficial results commensurate with the further expenditure of funds.

In witness whereof, Grantee has this day authorized and caused this Agreement to be executed by

_____ and attested with its corporate seal affixed (if applicable) by

Attest:

By _____ (Title) _____

United States of America Rural Housing Service

By _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 39-2006]

Foreign-Trade Zone 29 - Louisville, Kentucky, Application for Subzone Status, NACCO Materials Handling Group, Inc., Plant, (Forklift Trucks), Amendment of Application: Additional Site

Notice is hereby given that the application submitted by the Louisville and Jefferson County Riverport Authority, grantee of FTZ 29, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the forklift truck manufacturing facility of NACCO Materials Handling Group, Inc. (NMHG), located in Berea, Kentucky (71 FR 54611, 9-18-2006) has been amended to include an additional site (1 warehouse/195,000 sq.ft./22 acres) comprised of Building 105 located at 145 Hi Lane Drive in Richmond (Madison County), Kentucky.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. The comment period is hereby reopened until [30 days from date of publication]. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below.

A copy of the application and the amendment is available for public inspection at each of the following locations: U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 1600 World Trade Center, 333 W. Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507; and, Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, District of Columbia 20230-0002. For further information, contact Pierre Duy, examiner, at pierre_duy@ita.doc.gov, or (202) 482-1378.

Dated: July 10, 2007.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 22-2007]

Foreign-Trade Zone 86 - Tacoma, Washington, Expansion of Manufacturing Authority - Subzone 86D; Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company, Anacortes, Washington

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board