

NRDC, 435 U.S. 519, 533 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage, but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS, may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that persons interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 90-day comment period on the draft EIS so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specified as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Dated: January 30, 2008.

**Tina J. Terrell,**

*Forest Supervisor, Sequoia National Forest,  
USDA Forest Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Agricultural Statistics Service

#### Notice of Intent To Request Approval To Revise and Extend an Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intent of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request revision and extension of a currently approved information collection, the Livestock Slaughter Survey. Revision to burden hours may be needed due to changes in the size of the target population, sampling design, and/or questionnaire length.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by April 7, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535-0005, by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* [ombofficer@nass.usda.gov](mailto:ombofficer@nass.usda.gov). Include docket number above in the subject line of the message.
- *Fax:* (202) 720-6396.
- *Mail:* Mail any paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions to: NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336A, Mail Stop 2024, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024.
- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Hand deliver to: NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336A, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph T. Reilly, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720-4333.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Livestock Slaughter Survey.  
*OMB Control Number:* 0535-0005.  
*Approval Expires:* August 31, 2008.  
*Type of Request:* Intent to Request Approval to Revise and Extend an Information Collection.

*Abstract:* The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, prices, and disposition. The livestock survey program collects information on livestock slaughter. Slaughter data are used to estimate U.S. red meat production and reconcile inventory estimates which provide producers and the rest of the industry with current and future information on market supplies. This data is also used in preparing production, disposition, and income statistics which facilitate more orderly production, marketing, and processing of livestock and livestock products. The livestock program was approved by OMB for a 3-year period in 2005; NASS intends to request that the survey be approved for another 3 years.

*Authority:* These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents. This Notice is submitted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-113) and Office of Management

and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995).

*Estimate of Burden:* The Livestock Slaughter Survey includes a weekly survey of 900 Federally Inspected (FI) slaughter plants and monthly/quarterly surveys of approximately 2,000 Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) slaughter facilities. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 7 minutes per response for an estimated annual average burden of 370 minutes per respondent.

*Respondents:* Farmers, USDA inspectors, and custom/state inspected slaughter plants.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,900.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 18,000 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from NASS Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-2448.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will become a matter of public record and be summarized in the request for OMB approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, January 16, 2008.

**Joseph T. Reilly,**

*Associate Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

#### Inviting Applications for Rural Business Opportunity Grants

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Business-Cooperative Service, an Agency within

the Rural Development mission area, announces the availability of grants of up to \$50,000 per application from the Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) program for fiscal year (FY) 2008, to be competitively awarded. For multi-state projects, grant funds of up to \$150,000 will be available on a competitive basis. These limits do not apply to specific funding as discussed below.

**DATES:** The deadline for the receipt of applications in the Rural Development State Office is March 31, 2008. The RBOG appropriation for FY 2008 provides specific funding for Native American, Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, and Rural Economic Area Partnerships, and these applications must also be received in the Rural Development State Office by March 31, 2008. The Agency reserves the right to extend this application deadline. Any applications received at a Rural Development State Office after these dates for this type of assistance will not be considered for FY 2008 funding.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cindy Mason, Loan Specialist, USDA Rural Development, STOP 3225, Room 6866, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3225. Telephone: (202) 690-1433.

**ADDRESSES:** For further information, entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact a Rural Development State Office to receive copies of the application package. Potential applicants located in the District of Columbia must send their applications to the National Office at:

#### **District of Columbia**

USDA Rural Development, Specialty Lenders Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6867, STOP 3225, Washington, DC 20250-3225, (202) 720-1400.

A list of Rural Development State Offices follows:

#### **Alabama**

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#### **Idaho**

USDA Rural Development State Office 9173 West Barnes Drive, Suite A1 Boise, ID 83709 (208) 378-5600/TDD (208) 378-5644

#### **Illinois**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 2118 West Park Court, Suite A, Champaign, IL 61821, (217) 403-6200/TDD (217) 403-6240.

#### **Indiana**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 5975 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46278, (317) 290-3100/TDD (317) 290-3343.

#### **Iowa**

USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Room 873, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50309, (515) 284-4663/TDD (515) 284-4858.

#### **Kansas**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 1303 S.W. First American Place, Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66604-4040, (785) 271-2700/TDD (785) 271-2767.

#### **Kentucky**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40503, (859) 224-7300/TDD (859) 224-7422.

#### **Louisiana**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, LA 71302, (318) 473-7921/TDD (318) 473-7655.

#### **Maine**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite 4, P.O. Box 405, Bangor, ME 04402-0405, (207) 990-9160/TDD (207) 942-7331.

#### **Massachusetts/Rhode Island/Connecticut**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 451 West Street, Suite 2, Amherst, MA 01002-2999, (413) 253-4300/TDD (413) 253-4590.

#### **Michigan**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 200, East Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 324-5190/TDD (517) 324-5169.

#### **Minnesota**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 410, St. Paul, MN 55101-1853, (651) 602-7800/TDD (651) 602-3799.

#### **Mississippi**

USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Suite 831, 100 West Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39269, (601) 965-4316/TDD (601) 965-5850.

#### **Missouri**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 601 Business Loop 70 West, Parkade Center, Suite 235, Columbia, MO 65203, (573) 876-0976/TDD (573) 876-9480.

#### **Montana**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 900 Technology Boulevard, Suite B, P.O. Box 850, Bozeman, MT 59771, (406) 585-2580/TDD (406) 585-2562.

#### **Nebraska**

USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Room 152, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 437-5551/TDD (402) 437-5093.

**Nevada**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
1390 South Curry Street, Carson City,  
NV 89703-5146, (775) 887-1222/TDD  
(775) 885-0633.

**New Jersey**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
8000 Midlantic Drive, 5th Floor  
North, Suite 500, Mt. Laurel, NJ  
08054, (856) 787-7700/TDD (856)  
787-7784.

**New Mexico**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
6200 Jefferson Street NE., Room 255,  
Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 761-  
4950/TDD (505) 761-4938.

**New York**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
The Galleries of Syracuse, 441 South  
Salina Street, Suite 357, Syracuse, NY  
13202-2541, (315) 477-6400/TDD  
(315) 477-6447.

**North Carolina**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
4405 Bland Road, Suite 260, Raleigh,  
NC 27609, (919) 873-2000/TDD (919)  
873-2003.

**North Dakota**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
Federal Building, Room 208, 220 East  
Rosser, P.O. Box 1737, Bismarck, ND  
58502-1737, (701) 530-2037/TDD  
(701) 530-2113.

**Ohio**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
Federal Building, Room 507, 200  
North High Street, Columbus, OH  
43215-2418, (614) 255-2400/TDD  
(614) 255-2554.

**Oklahoma**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
100 USDA, Suite 108, Stillwater, OK  
74074-2654, (405) 742-1000/TDD  
(405) 742-1007.

**Oregon**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 801,  
Portland, OR 97232, (503) 414-3300/  
TDD (503) 414-3387.

**Pennsylvania**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
One Credit Union Place, Suite 330,  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-2996, (717)  
237-2299/TDD (717) 237-2261.

**Puerto Rico**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
IBM Building, Suite 601, 654 Munos  
Rivera Avenue, San Juan, PR 00918-  
6106, (787) 766-5095/TDD (787) 766-  
5332.

**South Carolina**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
Strom Thurmond Federal Building,  
1835 Assembly Street, Room 1007,  
Columbia, SC 29201, (803) 765-5163/  
TDD (803) 765-5697.

**South Dakota**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
Federal Building, Room 210, 200  
Fourth Street, SW., Huron, SD 57350,  
(605) 352-1100/TDD (605) 352-1147.

**Tennessee**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
3322 West End Avenue, Suite 300,  
Nashville, TN 37203-1084, (615) 783-  
1300.

**Texas**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
Federal Building, Suite 102, 101  
South Main, Temple, TX 76501, (254)  
742-9700/TDD (254) 742-9712.

**Utah**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building,  
125 South State Street, Room 4311,  
Salt Lake City, UT 84138, (801) 524-  
4320/TDD (801) 524-3309.

**Vermont/New Hampshire**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
City Center, 3rd Floor, 89 Main Street,  
Montpelier, VT 05602, (802) 828-  
6000/TDD (802) 223-6365.

**Virginia**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
1606 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 238,  
Richmond, VA 23229-5014, (804)  
287-1550/TDD (804) 287-1753.

**Washington**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
1835 Black Lake Boulevard SW., Suite  
B, Olympia, WA 98512-5715, (360)  
704-7740/TDD (360) 704-7760.

**West Virginia**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
75 High Street, Room 320,  
Morgantown, WV 26505-7500, (304)  
284-4860/TDD (304) 284-4836.

**Wisconsin**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
4949 Kirschling Court, Stevens Point,  
WI 54481, (715) 345-7600/TDD (715)  
345-7614.

**Wyoming**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
100 East B, Federal Building, Room  
1005, P.O. Box 11005, Casper, WY  
82602-5006, (307) 233-6700/TDD  
(307) 233-6733.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Overview**

*Federal Agency:* Rural Business-  
Cooperative Service.

*Funding Opportunity Type:* Rural  
Business Opportunity Grants.

*Announcement Type:* Initial  
announcement.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance  
Number:* 10.773.

*Dates:* Application Deadline:  
Completed applications for these funds  
must be received in the Rural  
Development State Office no later than  
March 31, 2008, to be eligible for FY  
2008 grant funding. Applications  
received after this date will not be  
eligible for FY 2008 grant funding.

**I. Funding Opportunity Description**

The RBOG program is authorized  
under section 306(a)(11) of the  
Consolidated Farm and Rural  
Development Act (CONACT) (7 U.S.C.  
1926(a)(11)). The Rural Development  
State Offices administer the RBOG  
program on behalf of USDA Rural  
Development at the State level. The  
primary objective of the program is to  
improve the economic conditions of  
rural areas. Assistance provided to rural  
areas under this program may include  
technical assistance for business  
development and economic  
development planning. To ensure that a  
broad range of communities have the  
opportunity to benefit from the program,  
no grant will exceed \$50,000, unless it  
is a multi-State project where funds may  
not exceed \$150,000. As indicated in  
the summary, these limits do not apply  
to specified funding for Native  
American, Empowerment Zones,  
Enterprise Communities, and Rural  
Economic Area Partnerships.

Awards are made on a competitive  
basis using specific selection criteria  
contained in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart  
G. Information required to be in the  
application package include an SF-424,  
"Application for Federal Assistance;"  
applicant's organizational documents;  
Scope of Work Narrative; Income Sheet;  
Balance Sheet or current audit if  
available; AD-1047, "Debarment/  
Suspension Certification;" AD-1048,  
"Certification Regarding Debarment,  
Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary  
Exclusion;" AD-1049, "Certification  
Regarding Drug-Free Workplace  
Requirements;" Restrictions on  
Lobbying, RD 400-1, "Equal  
Opportunity Agreement;" and RD 400-  
4, "Assurance Agreement." See 7 CFR  
4284.639 for additional application  
requirements. Information required to  
be in the application package are  
contained in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart  
G. The State Director may assign up to

15 discretionary points to an application, and the Agency Administrator may assign up to 20 additional discretionary points for projects funded from the National Office reserve. Discretionary points awarded by the State Director or Administrator must be based on geographic distribution of funds, special importance for implementation of a strategic plan in partnership with other organizations, or extraordinary potential for success due to superior project plans or qualifications of the grantee. To ensure the equitable distribution of funds, a maximum of two projects from each State that score the greatest number of points based on the selection criteria and discretionary points will be considered by the National Office for funding.

Applications will be tentatively scored by the State Offices and submitted to the National Office for final review and selection.

The National Office will review the scores based on the grant selection criteria and weights contained in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart G. All applicants will be notified by USDA Rural Development of the Agency's decision on the awards.

#### Definitions

The definitions are published at 7 CFR 4284.603.

## II. Award Information

*Type of Award:* Grant.

*Fiscal Year Funds:* FY 2008.

*Total Funding:* \$655,110 for regular RBOG; \$990,000 for Native American and \$990,000 for Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, and Rural Economic Area Partnerships.

*Approximate Number of Awards:* 13 for regular RBOG and 19 for Native American and 19 Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, and Rural Economic Area Partnerships.

*Average Award:* \$50,000.

*Anticipated Award Date:* June 30, 2008.

## III. Eligibility Information

### A. Eligible Applicants

Grants may be made to public bodies, nonprofit corporations, Indian tribes on Federal or State reservations and other federally recognized tribal groups, and cooperatives with members that are primarily rural residents and that conduct activities for the mutual benefit of the members.

### B. Cost Sharing or Matching

Matching funds are not required.

### C. Other Eligibility Requirements

Applications will only be accepted for projects to assist in promoting sustainable economic development in rural communities.

### D. Completeness Eligibility

Applications will not be considered for funding if they do not provide sufficient information to determine eligibility or are missing required elements.

## IV. Fiscal Year 2008 Application and Submission Information:

### A. Address to Request Application Package

For further information, entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact the Rural Development State Office identified in this notice to obtain copies of the application package.

Applicants are encouraged to submit applications through the Grants.gov Web site at: <http://www.grants.gov>. Applications may be submitted in either electronic or paper format. 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 Web site. Applications may not be submitted by electronic mail.

- When you enter the Grants.gov Web site, you will find information about submitting an application electronically through the site as well as the hours of operation. USDA Rural Development 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 Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number which can be obtained at no cost via a toll-free request line at 1-866-705-5711.

- You may submit all documents electronically through the Web site, including all information typically included on the application for RBOGs and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- After electronically submitting an application through the Web site, the applicant will receive an automatic acknowledgement from Grants.gov that contains a Grants.gov tracking number.

- USDA Rural Development may request that the applicant provide original signatures on forms at a later date.

- If applicants experience technical difficulties on the closing date and are unable to meet the deadline, you may submit a paper copy of your application to your respective Rural Development State Office. Paper applications

submitted to a Rural Development State Office must meet the closing date and local time deadline.

Please note that applicants must locate the downloadable application package for this program by the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number or FedGrants Funding Opportunity Number, which can be found at <http://www.fedgrants.gov>.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the information collection requirement contained in this Notice is approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0570-0024.

### B. Content and Form of Submission

An application must contain all of the required elements. Each application received in a Rural Development State Office will be reviewed to determine if it is consistent with the eligible purposes contained in section 306 of the CONACT.

Each selection priority criterion outlined in 7 CFR 4284.639, must be addressed in the application. Failure to address any of the criteria will result in a zero-point score for that criterion and will impact the overall evaluation of the application. Copies of 7 CFR part 4284, subpart G, will be provided to any interested applicant making a request to a Rural Development State Office listed in this notice.

### C. Submission Dates and Times

*Application Deadline Date:* March 31, 2008.

*Explanation of Deadlines:* Applications for funds must be in the Rural Development State Office by the deadline date.

## V. Application Review Information

The National Office will score applications based on the grant selection criteria and weights contained in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart G and will select a grantee subject to the grantee's satisfactory submission of the additional items required by 7 CFR part 4284, subpart G and the USDA Rural Development Letter of Conditions.

## VI. Award Administration Information

### A. Award Notices

Successful applicants will receive notification for funding from the Rural Development State Office. Applicants must comply with all applicable statutes and regulations before the grant award will be approved. Unsuccessful applications will receive notification by mail.

*B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements*

Additional requirements that apply to grantees selected for this program can be found in the 7 CFR 4284, subpart G.

**VII. Agency Contacts**

For general questions about this announcement, please contact your Rural Development State Office identified in this notice.

*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).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice), or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.”

Dated: January 25, 2008.

**Ben Anderson,**

*Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Rural Business-Cooperative Service**

**Inviting Applications for the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2008**

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces the availability of approximately \$33.077 million of loan funds under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program for fiscal year (FY) 2008. This notice is being issued to allow applicants sufficient time to leverage financing, submit applications, and give the Agency time to process applications within the current fiscal year. The Agency will publish a

subsequent notice identifying the amount of funding received for grants, if any, and the final maximum dollar amount for grant awards. The awards made as a result of this notice are effective for loans made during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2007, and ending September 30, 2008. REDLG loans and grants are to assist in economically developing rural areas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Melvin Padgett, Loan Specialist, USDA Rural Development, STOP 3225, Room 6866, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3225. Telephone: (202) 720-1495, FAX: (202) 720-2213.

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**Iowa**

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