

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Rural Business-Cooperative Service****Notice of Contract Proposals (NOCP) for the Advanced Biofuels Payment Program**

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice of Contract Proposals announces the acceptance of applications and the availability of \$98.6 million to make payments to advanced biofuel producers for the production of eligible advanced biofuels. Of the \$98.6 million, \$68.6 million will be available for Fiscal Year 2013 production and the remainder of approximately \$30 million is for payments for production in prior fiscal years. This funding for Fiscal Year 2013 is in accordance with The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013, Public Law 113-6.

DATES: Applications for participating in the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program for Fiscal Year 2013 were accepted from October 1, 2012, through October 31, 2012, in accordance with 7 CFR 4288, Subpart B, section 4288.120 (b). In addition, applications received by July 11, 2013 will be considered for Fiscal Year 2013 funds. Producers applying after June 11, 2013 will not be paid for payment requests submitted after the payment request timeframe. Payment requests are required to be submitted in accordance with 7 CFR 4288, Subpart B, section 4288.130(d). The Biofuel Payment Program Annual Application, Form RD 4288-1, must be submitted prior to or with the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program—Payment Request, Form RD 4288-3.

ADDRESSES: See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for addresses concerning applications for the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program for Fiscal Year 2013 funds.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the Fiscal Year 2013 applications and for Advanced Biofuel Payment Program assistance, please contact a USDA Rural Development Energy Coordinator, as provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this Notice, or Lisa Noty, Energy Division, USDA Rural Development, 255 U.S. Highway 69, Garner, IA 50438. Telephone: (641) 923-3666 Extension 109. Email: lisa.noty@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Fiscal Year 2013 Applications for the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program**

An applicant (unless the applicant is an individual) 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 or online at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. Complete applications must be submitted to the Rural Development State Office in the State in which the applicant's principal place of business is located.

Universal Identifier and System for Awards Management (SAM)

Unless exempt under 2 CFR 25.110, the applicant must:

- (a) Be registered in the SAM prior to submitting an application or plan;
- (b) Maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by the Agency; and
- (c) Provide its DUNS number in each application or plan it submits to the Agency.

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Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the information collection requirements associated with the Advanced Biofuel Payments Program, as covered in this Notice, have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0570-0057.

Overview

Federal Agency Name: Rural Business-Cooperative Service (an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture in the Rural Development mission area).

Contract Proposal Title: Advanced Biofuel Payment Program.

Announcement Type: Annual announcement.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (CFDA): The CFDA number for this Notice is 10.867.

DATES: The Advanced Biofuels Program sign-up period for Fiscal Year 2013 was October 1 to October 31, 2012. In addition, applications received by July 11, 2013, will be considered for Fiscal Year 2013 funds. Producers applying after June 11, 2013 will not be paid for payment requests submitted after the payment request timeframe. Payment

requests are required to be submitted in accordance with 7 CFR 4288, Subpart B, section 4288.130(d). The Biofuel Payment Program Annual Application, Form RD 4288-1, must be submitted prior to or with Advanced Biofuel Payment Program—Payment Request, Form RD 4288-3.

Availability of Notice and Rule: This Notice and the interim rule for the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program are available on the USDA Rural Development Web site at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_Biofuels.html.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Purpose of the program. The purpose of this program is to support and ensure an expanding production of advanced biofuels by providing payments to eligible advanced biofuel producers. Implementing this program not only promotes the Agency's mission of promoting sustainable economic development in rural America, but is an important part of achieving the Administration's goals for increased biofuel production and use by providing economic incentives for the production of advanced biofuels.

B. Statutory authority. This program is authorized under 7 U.S.C. 8105.

C. Definition of terms. The definitions applicable to this Notice are published at 7 CFR 4288.102.

II. Award Information

A. Available funds. The Agency is authorizing \$98.6 million for this program in Fiscal Year 2013.

B. Approximate number of awards. The number of awards will depend on the number of participating advanced biofuel producers.

C. Range of amounts of each payment. There is no minimum or maximum payment amount that an individual producer can receive. The amount that each producer receives will depend on the number of eligible advanced biofuel producers participating in the program for Fiscal Year 2013, the amount of advanced biofuels being produced by such advanced biofuel producers, and the amount of funds available.

D. Contract. For producers participating in this program for the first time in Fiscal Year 2013, a contract will need to be entered into with the Agency and the contract period will continue indefinitely until terminated as provided for in 7 CFR 4288.121(d). For producers that participated in this program in Fiscal Year 2012, the contract period continues indefinitely until terminated as provided for in 7 CFR 4288.121(d).

E. Production period. Payments to participating advanced biofuel producers under this Notice will be made on actual eligible advanced biofuels produced from October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013.

F. Type of instrument. Payment.

III. Eligibility Information

A. Eligible applicants. To be eligible for this program, an applicant must meet the eligibility requirements specified in 7 CFR 4288.110.

B. Biofuel eligibility. To be eligible for payment, an advanced biofuel must meet the eligibility requirements specified in 7 CFR 4288.111.

C. Payment eligibility. To be eligible for program payments, an advanced biofuel producer must maintain the records specified in 7 CFR 4288.113.

IV. Fiscal Year 2013 Application and Submission Information

A. Address to request applications. Annual Application, Contract, and Payment Request forms are available from the USDA Rural Development State Office, Rural Development Energy Coordinator. The list of Rural Development Energy Coordinators is provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this Notice.

B. Content and form of submission. The enrollment provisions, including application content and form of submission, are specified in 7 CFR 4288.120 and 4288.121.

C. Submission dates and times.

(1) *Enrollment.* Advanced biofuel producers who expect to produce eligible advanced biofuel at any time during Fiscal Year 2013 must have enrolled in the program by the dates identified in this Notice. Applications received after the identified dates, regardless of their postmark, will not be considered by the Agency for Fiscal Year 2013 funds. Producers who participated in this Program in any previous fiscal year must submit a new application as identified above to be considered for Fiscal Year 2013 funds.

(2) *Payment applications.* Advanced biofuel producers must submit Form RD 4288-3, "Advanced Biofuel Payment Program—Payment Request," for each of the four Federal fiscal quarters of Fiscal Year 2013. Each form must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on January 31, 2013, for the first quarter; April 30, 2013, for the second quarter; July 31, 2013, for the third quarter; and October 31, 2013, for the fourth quarter. Neither complete nor incomplete payment applications received after such dates and times will be considered, regardless of the postmark on the application. If any of these deadlines falls on a weekend or a

federally-observed holiday, the deadline is the next Federal business day.

D. *Funding restrictions.* For Fiscal Year 2013, not more than 5 percent of the funds will be made available to eligible producers with a refining capacity (as determined for the prior fiscal year) exceeding 150,000,000 gallons of a liquid advanced biofuel per year or exceeding 15,900,000 million British Thermal Units of biogas and solid advanced biofuel per year. (In calculating whether a producer meets either of these capacities, production of all advanced biofuel facilities in which the producer has 50 percent or more ownership will be totaled.) The Agency will provide payments to eligible solid advanced biofuels produced from forest biomass of not more than 5 percent of available program funds in Fiscal Year 2013. The remaining funds will be made available to all other producers.

E. *Payment provisions.* Fiscal Year 2013 payments will be made according to the provisions specified in 7 CFR 4288.130 through 4288.137. Producers applying after June 11, 2013 will not be paid for payment requests submitted after the payment request timeframe. Payment requests are required to be submitted in accordance with 7 CFR 4288, Subpart B, section 4288.130(d). The Biofuel Payment Program Annual Application, Form RD 4288-1, must be submitted prior to or with the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program—Payment Request, Form RD 4288-3.

V. Administration Information

A. *Notice of eligibility.* The provisions of 7 CFR 4288.112 apply to this Notice. These provisions include notifying an applicant determined to be eligible for participation and assigning such applicant a contract number and notifying an applicant determined to be ineligible, including the reason(s) the applicant was rejected and providing such applicant appeal rights as specified in 7 CFR 4288.103.

B. *Administrative and national policy requirements.*

(1) *Review or appeal rights.* A person may seek a review of an adverse agency decision or appeal to the National Appeals Division as provided in 7 CFR 4288.103.

(2) *Compliance with other laws and regulations.* The provisions of 7 CFR 4288.104 apply to this Notice, which includes requiring advanced biofuel producers to be in compliance with other applicable Federal, State, and local laws.

(3) *Oversight and monitoring.* The provisions of 7 CFR 4288.105 apply to this Notice, which includes the right of the Agency to verify all payment

applications and subsequent payments and the requirement that each eligible advanced biofuel producer make available at one place at all reasonable times for examination by representatives of USDA, all books, papers, records, contracts, scale tickets, settlement sheets, invoices, written price quotations, and other documents related to the program that are within the control of such advanced biofuel producer for not less than 3 years from each Program payment date.

(4) *Exception authority.* The provisions of 7 CFR 4288.107 apply to this Notice.

(5) *Unauthorized Assistance.* The provision of 7 CFR 4288.135 apply to this Notice.

C. *Environmental review.* Rural Development's compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is implemented in its regulations at 7 CFR part 1940, subpart G. The Agency has reviewed the circumstances under which financial assistance may be provided under this Program and has determined that proposals that do not involve additional facility construction fall within the categorical exclusion from NEPA reviews provided for in 7 CFR 1940.310(c)(1). Applicants whose proposal involves additional facility construction should provide Form RD 1940-20, "Request for Environmental Information," as part of their application. Rural Development will then determine whether the proposal is categorically excluded under 7 CFR 1940.310(c)(1) or whether additional actions are necessary to comply with 7 CFR part 1940, subpart G.

VI. Agency Contacts

For assistance on this payment program, please contact a USDA Rural Development Energy Coordinator, as provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this Notice, or Lisa Noty, Energy Division, USDA Rural Development, 255 U.S. Highway 69, Garner, IA 50438. Telephone: (641) 923-3666 extension 109. Fax: (641) 923-3660. Email: lisa.notymailto@wdc.usda.gov.

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Dated: May 30, 2013.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Amendment to Notice of Funding Availability for the Rural Energy for America Program

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (Agency) published a notice in the **Federal Register** of March 29, 2013, (78 FR 19183) announcing the acceptance of applications for funds available under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) for Fiscal Year 2013. The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013, provides additional funding for REAP. This Notice announces the availability of approximately \$65.2 million in Fiscal Year 2013 budget authority to fund REAP activities, which will support approximately \$31 million in grant program level and approximately \$142.3 million in guaranteed loan program level, which includes approximately \$13 million of discretionary funding. This Notice also extends the application period to June 14, 2013, for both Fiscal Year 2013 applicants and applicants who submitted Fiscal Year 2012 applications and wish to submit written requests to have their Fiscal Year 2012 applications considered for Fiscal Year 2013 funds.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about this Notice, please contact Lisa Noty, USDA Rural