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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Agency is amending the Available Funds paragraph under Award Information section in the Notice of Funding Availability for the Rural Energy for America Program published on March 29, 2013, (78 FR 19183). The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013, has provided additional funding for REAP.

The March 29, 2013, Notice identified up to \$20.8 million available to the REAP program, with up to \$10.4 million in grant program level and up to \$43.4 million in guaranteed loan program level. With the additional funding now available, for Fiscal Year 2013, up to \$65.2 million of budget authority is available to the REAP program, an increase of approximately \$44.4 million. The REAP grant program level increases approximately \$20.6 million, from \$10.4 million to up to \$31 million, with grant program levels for feasibility studies increasing from \$250,000 to up to \$350,000 and for grants of \$20,000 or less increasing from \$4.1 million to up to \$12.4 million. The guaranteed loan program level for Fiscal Year 2013 increases approximately \$99 million, from \$43.4 million to \$142.3 million, which includes approximately \$13 million in discretionary funds.

To reflect these changes in program level funding, the Agency is amending the funding levels and dollars available for grants and guaranteed loans for renewable energy system (RES) and energy efficiency improvement (EEI) projects and for grants for RES feasibility studies.

The Agency is also amending, for a second time, the application deadline for three sets of applications: (1) Renewable energy system (RES) and energy efficiency improvement (EEI) grants, (2) RES and EEI grant and loan combinations and (3) RES feasibility study grants. The Agency extended the original deadline for these applications from April 30, 2013, to May 31, 2013, in a May 8, 2013, Notice (78 FR 26747). The May 8, 2013, Notice, however, inadvertently did not extend the deadline for these same types of applications for Fiscal Year 2012 applicants who wish to be considered for Fiscal Year 2013 funding.

With this Notice, the Agency is extending the application deadline for the aforementioned grants to compete for Fiscal Year 2013 funds to June 14, 2013. This extension applies to both Fiscal Year 2013 applicants and to

Fiscal Year 2012 applicants who wish to submit a written request to have their Fiscal Year 2012 applications considered for Fiscal Year 2013 funds.

The application dates in this Notice supersede those identified in the May 8, 2013, Notice. This Notice makes no other changes to the March 29, 2013, Notice.

The following Summary of Changes apply to the March 29, 2013, Notice.

#### Summary of Changes

1. In the third column on page 19183, the last sentence in the SUMMARY section is revised to read as follows:

The Notice also announces the availability of up to \$65.2 million of Fiscal Year 2013 budget authority to fund these REAP activities, which will support up to \$31 million in grant program level and up to \$142.3 million in guaranteed loan program level.

2. In the third column on page 19183, the second paragraph under the **DATES** section is revised to read as follows:

For renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement grant applications and combination grant and guaranteed loan applications, no later than 4:30 p.m. local time June 14, 2013.

3. In the third column on page 19183, the fourth paragraph under the **DATES** section is revised to read as follows:

For renewable energy system feasibility study applications, no later than 4:30 p.m. local time June 14, 2013.

4. In the first column on page 19186, the first sentence of the first paragraph under the Award Information section, Available Funds, is revised to read as follows:

The amount of funds available for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements in Fiscal Year 2013 will be up to \$173 million.

5. In the second column on page 19186, the first sentence of the second paragraph under the Award Information section, Available Funds, is revised to read as follows:

The amount of grant funds available for renewable energy system feasibility studies in Fiscal Year 2013 will be up to \$350,000.

6. In the second column on page 19186, the first sentence of the third paragraph under the Award Information section, Available Funds, is revised to read as follows:

In order to ensure that small projects have a fair opportunity to compete for the funding and are consistent with the priorities set forth in the statute, the Agency will set-aside up to \$12.4 million to fund grants of \$20,000 or less.

7. In the first column on page 19189, the first sentence of subparagraph (1)(iv), is revised to read as follows:

Written requests to consider Fiscal Year 2012 applications for Fiscal Year 2013 funds may be submitted at any time during Fiscal Year 2013, up to and including 4:30 p.m. local time on June 14, 2013.

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Dated: June 4, 2013.

**Lillian E. Salerno,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Announcement of Grant Application Deadlines

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of funds availability and solicitation of applications.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces its Community Connect Grant Program application window for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013. In addition, RUS announces the minimum and maximum amounts for Community Connect grants applicable for the fiscal year. The Community Connect Grant Program regulations can be found at 7 CFR 1739, subpart A. **DATES:** You may submit completed applications for grants on paper or

electronically according to the following deadlines:

- Paper copies must carry proof of shipping *no later* than July 11, 2013 to be eligible for FY 2013 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2013 grant funding.
- Electronic copies must be received by July 11, 2013 to be eligible for FY 2013 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2013 grant funding.

**ADDRESSES:** You may obtain application guides and materials for the Community Connect Grant Program via the Internet at the following Web site: [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp\\_commconnect.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp_commconnect.html). You may also request application guides and materials from RUS by contacting the appropriate individual listed in section VII of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

Submit completed paper applications for grants to the Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 2868, STOP 1599, Washington, DC 20250-1599. Applications should be marked "Attention: Director, Broadband Division, Rural Utilities Service."

Submit electronic grant applications at <http://www.grants.gov> (Grants.gov), following the instructions you find on that Web site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth Kuchno, Director, Broadband Division, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, telephone: (202) 690-4673, fax: (202) 690-4389.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Overview**

*Federal Agency:* Rural Utilities Service (RUS).

*Funding Opportunity Title:* Community Connect Grant Program.

*Announcement Type:* Initial announcement.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 10.863.

*Dates:* You may submit completed applications for grants on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

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**Items in Supplementary Information**

I. Funding Opportunity: Brief introduction to the Community Connect Grant Program.

II. Award Information: Available funds and minimum and maximum amounts.

III. Eligibility Information: Who is eligible, what kinds of projects are eligible, what criteria determine basic eligibility.

IV. Application and Submission Information: Where to get application materials, what constitutes a completed application, how and where to submit applications, deadlines, items that are eligible.

V. Application Review Information: Considerations and preferences, scoring criteria, review standards, selection information.

VI. Award Administration Information: Award notice information, award recipient reporting requirements.

VII. Agency Contacts: Web, phone, fax, email, contact name.

**I. Funding Opportunity**

The provision of broadband service is vital to the economic development, education, health, and safety of rural Americans. The purpose of the Community Connect Grant Program is to provide financial assistance in the form of grants to eligible applicants that will provide currently unserved areas, on a "community-oriented connectivity" basis, with broadband service that fosters economic growth and delivers enhanced educational, health care, and public safety services. Rural Utilities Service will give priority to rural areas that have the greatest need for broadband services, based on the criteria contained herein.

Grant authority will be used for the deployment of broadband service to extremely rural, lower-income communities on a "community-oriented connectivity" basis. The "community-oriented connectivity" concept will stimulate practical, everyday uses and applications of broadband facilities by cultivating the deployment of new broadband services that improve economic development and provide enhanced educational and health care opportunities in rural areas. Such an approach will also give rural communities the opportunity to benefit from the advanced technologies that are necessary to achieve these goals. Please see 7 CFR part 1739, subpart A for specifics.

This notice has been formatted to conform to a policy directive issued by the Office of Federal Financial Management (OFFM) of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), published in the **Federal Register** on June 23, 2003. This Notice does not change the Community Connect Grant Program regulation (7 CFR part 1739, subpart A).

The definitions applicable to this Notice are published at 7 CFR 1739.3.

The Agency will review, evaluate, and score applications received in response to this Notice based on the provisions found in 7 CFR part 1739, subpart A, and as indicated in this notice.

**II. Award Information**

*A. Available Funds*

1. *General.* The Acting Administrator has determined that the following amounts are available for grants in FY 2013 under 7 CFR 1739.2(a)

2. Grants

a. \$21 million is available for grants from FY 2013 and prior year appropriations. Under 7 CFR 1739.2, the Administrator has established a minimum grant amount of \$100,000 and a maximum grant amount of \$3,000,000 for FY 2013.

b. Assistance instrument: RUS will execute grant documents appropriate to the project prior to any advance of funds with successful applicants.

B. Community Connect grants cannot be renewed. Award documents specify the term of each award.

**III. Eligibility Information**

*A. Who is eligible for grants? (See 7 CFR 1739.10)*

1. Only entities legally organized as one of the following are eligible for Community Connect Grant Program financial assistance:

- An incorporated organization,
- An Indian tribe or tribal organization, as defined in 25 U.S.C. 450b(e),
- A state or local unit of government,
- A cooperative, private corporation or limited liability company organized on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis.

2. Individuals are not eligible for Community Connect Grant Program financial assistance directly.

3. Applicants must have the legal capacity and authority to own and operate the broadband facilities as proposed in its application, to enter into contracts and to otherwise comply with applicable federal statutes and regulations.

4. Applicants must have an active registration with current information in the System for Award Management (SAM) (previously the Central Contractor Registry (CCR)) at <https://www.sam.gov> and have a Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number.

*B. What are the basic eligibility requirements for a project?*

1. Required matching contributions. Please see 7 CFR 1739.14 for the requirement. Grant applicants must

demonstrate a matching contribution, in cash, of at least fifteen (15) percent of the total amount of financial assistance requested. Matching contributions must be used to support the broadband operations funded under the Community Connect Grant Program.

2. To be eligible for a grant, the Project must (see 7 CFR 1739.11):

a. Serve a Rural Area where Broadband Service does not currently exist, to be verified by RUS prior to the award of the grant;

b. Deploy service at the Broadband Grant Speed, free of all charges for at least 2 years, to all Critical Community Facilities located within the proposed Service Area;

c. Offer service at the Broadband Grant Speed to all residential and business customers within the Proposed Funded Service Area; and

d. Provide a Community Center with at least two (2) Computer Access Points within the Proposed Funded Service Area, and make service at the Broadband Grant Speed available therein, free of all charges to users for at least 2 years.

3. Other requirements.

a. DUNS numbers and SAM registration: Applicants must have Dun and Bradstreet DUNS number and be registered in System Awards Management (SAM) at <https://www.sam.gov> prior to submitting an electronic or paper application. The DUNS number and SAM requirements are contained in 2 CFR part 25. SAM is the repository for standard information about applicants and recipients.

b. DUNS Number: As required by the OMB, all applicants for grants must supply a Dun and Bradstreet DUNS number when applying. The Standard Form 424 (SF-424) contains a field for you to use when supplying your DUNS number. Obtaining a DUNS number costs nothing and requires a short telephone call to Dun and Bradstreet. Please see [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/org\\_step1.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/org_step1.jsp) for more information on how to obtain a DUNS number or how to verify your organization's number.

c. System for Award Management (SAM): In accordance with 2 CFR part 25, applicants, whether applying electronically or by paper must be registered in SAM prior to submitting an application. Applicants may register for the SAM at <https://www.sam.gov>. The SAM registration must remain active, with current information, at all times during which an entity has an application under consideration by an agency or has an active Federal Award. To remain registered in the SAM

database after the initial registration, the applicant is required to review and update on an annual basis from the date of initial registration or subsequent updates of its information in the SAM database to ensure it is current, accurate and complete.

C. See paragraph IV.B of this notice for a discussion of the items that make up a completed application. You may also refer to 7 CFR 1739.15 for completed grant application items.

#### IV. Required Definitions for Community Connect Program Regulation

A. *General.* The regulation for the Community Connect Grant Program requires that certain definitions affecting eligibility be revised and published from time to time by the Agency in the **Federal Register**. For the purpose of this regulation, the agency shall use the following definitions:

*Broadband Service and Broadband Grant Speed.* Until otherwise revised in the **Federal Register**, for applications in FY 2013, to qualify as Broadband Service, the minimum rate of data transmission shall be three megabits per second (download plus upload speeds) for both fixed and mobile service and the Broadband Grant Speed will be a minimum bandwidth of 5 megabits per second (download plus upload speeds) for both fixed and mobile service to the customer.

B. *Where to get application information.* The application guide, copies of necessary forms and samples, and the Community Connect Grant Program regulation are available from these sources:

1. The Internet: [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp\\_commconnect.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp_commconnect.html).

2. The Rural Utilities Service Broadband Division, for paper copies of these materials: (202) 690-4673.

C. *What constitutes a completed application?*

1. Detailed information on each item required can be found in the Community Connect Grant Program regulation and the Community Connect Grant Program application guide. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read and apply both the regulation and the application guide. This Notice does not change the requirements for a completed application for any form of Community Connect Grant Program financial assistance specified in the Community Connect Grant Program regulation. The Community Connect Grant Program regulation and the application guide provide specific guidance on each of the items listed and the Community Connect Grant Program

application guide provides all necessary forms and sample worksheets.

2. Applications should be prepared in conformance with the provisions in 7 CFR part 1739, subpart A, and applicable USDA regulations including 7 CFR parts 3015, 3016, and 3019.

Applicants must use the RUS Application Guide for this program containing instructions and all necessary forms, as well as other important information, in preparing their application. Completed applications must include the following:

a. *An Application for Federal Assistance.* A completed Standard Form (SF) 424.

b. *An executive summary of the Project.* The applicant must provide RUS with a general project overview.

c. *Scoring criteria documentation.* Each grant applicant must address and provide documentation on how it meets each of the scoring criteria detailed in 7 CFR 1739.17.

d. *System design.* The applicant must submit a system design, including, narrative specifics of the proposal, associated costs, maps, engineering design studies, technical specifications and system capabilities, etc.

e. *Service area demographics.* The applicant must provide a map of the Proposed Funded Service Area using the RUS Mapping Tool.

f. *Scope of work.* The scope of work must include specific activities and services to be performed under the proposal, who will carry out the activities and services, specific timeframes for completion, and a budget for all capital and administrative expenditures reflecting the line item costs for all grant purposes, the matching contribution, and other sources of funds necessary to complete the project.

g. *Community-Oriented Connectivity Plan.* The applicant must provide a detailed Community-Oriented Connectivity Plan.

h. *Financial information and sustainability.* The applicant must provide financial statements and information and a narrative description demonstrating the sustainability of the Project.

i. *A statement of experience.* The applicant must provide a written narrative describing its demonstrated capability and experience, if any, in operating a broadband telecommunications system.

j. *Evidence of legal authority and existence.* The applicant must provide evidence of its legal existence and authority to enter into a grant agreement with RUS and to perform the activities proposed under the grant application.

k. *Additional Funding.* If the Project requires additional funding from other sources in addition to the RUS grant, the applicant must provide evidence that funding agreements have been obtained to ensure completion of the Project.

l. *Federal Compliance.* The applicant must provide evidence of compliance with other federal statutes and regulations, including, but not limited to the following:

(i) 7 CFR part 15, subpart A—Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Agriculture—Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

(ii) 7 CFR part 3015—Uniform Federal Assistance Regulations.

(iii) 7 CFR part 3017—Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement).

(iv) 7 CFR part 3018—New Restrictions on Lobbying.

(v) 7 CFR part 3021—Government wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance).

(vi) Certification regarding Architectural Barriers.

(vii) Certification regarding Flood Hazard Precautions.

(viii) An environmental report/questionnaire, in accordance with 7 CFR 1794.

(ix) A certification that grant funds will not be used to duplicate lines, facilities, or systems providing Broadband Service.

(x) Federal Obligation Certification on Delinquent Debt.

(xi) Assurance Regarding Felony Conviction or Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants.

*D. How many copies of an application are required?*

1. Applications submitted on paper: Submit the original paper application and a copy in electronic format to RUS.

2. Applications submitted through Grants.gov: The additional paper copies are not necessary if you submit the application electronically through Grants.gov.

*E. How and where to submit an application.* Grant applications may be submitted on paper or through Grants.gov.

1. Submitting applications on paper.

a. Address paper applications for grants to the Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Room 2868, STOP 1599, Washington, DC 20250–1599. Applications should be marked “Attention: Director, Broadband Division, Rural Utilities Service.”

b. Paper applications must show proof of mailing or shipping consisting of one of the following:

(i) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service (USPS) postmark;

(ii) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the USPS; or

(iii) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

c. Due to screening procedures at the Department of Agriculture, packages arriving via the USPS are irradiated, which can damage the contents. RUS encourages applicants to consider the impact of this procedure in selecting their application delivery method.

2. Applications submitted through Grants.gov.

(a) Applicant may file an electronic application at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applications will not be accepted via facsimile machine transmission or electronic mail. Grants.gov contains full instructions on all required passwords, credentialing, and software. Follow the instructions at Grants.gov for registering and submitting an electronic application. If a system problem or technical difficulty occurs with an electronic application, please use the customer support resources available at the Grants.gov Web site.

(b) First time Grants.gov users should go to the “Get Started” tab on the Grants.gov site and carefully read and follow the steps listed. These steps need to be initiated early in the application process to avoid delays in submitting your application online.

#### *F. Deadlines*

1. Paper applications must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight no later than July 11, 2013 to be eligible for FY 2013 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2013 grant funding.

2. Grant applications submitted through Grants.gov must be received by July 11, 2013 to be eligible for FY 2013 funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2013 grant funding.

#### *G. Funding Restrictions*

1. *Eligible grant purposes.* Grant funds may be used to finance:

a. The construction, acquisition, or leasing of facilities, including spectrum, land or buildings to deploy service at the Broadband Grant Speed to all participating Critical Community Facilities and all required facilities needed to offer such service to all residential and business customers located within the Proposed Funded Service Area;

b. The improvement, expansion, construction, or acquisition of a Community Center that furnishes free internet access at the Broadband Grant Speed, provided that the Community Center is open and accessible to area

residents before, during, and after normal working hours and on Saturday or Sunday. Grant funds provided for such costs shall not exceed the lesser of ten percent (10%) of the grant amount requested or \$150,000; and

c. The cost of bandwidth to provide service at the Broadband Grant Speed to Critical Community Facilities for the first 2 years of operation.

#### *2. Ineligible grant purposes.*

a. Grant funds may not be used to finance the duplication of any existing Broadband Service provided by another entity.

b. Operating expenses other than the cost of bandwidth for two years to provide service at the Broadband Grant Speed to Critical Community Facilities.

3. Please see 7 CFR 1739.3 for definitions, 7 CFR 1739.12 for eligible grant purposes, and 7 CFR 1739.13 for ineligible grant purposes

### **V. Application Review Information**

#### *A. Criteria*

1. Grant applications are scored competitively and subject to the criteria listed below.

2. Grant application scoring criteria (total possible points: 100). See 7 CFR 1739.17 for the items that will be reviewed during scoring and for scoring criteria.

a. An analysis of the challenges of the of the following criteria, laid out on a community-wide basis, and how the project proposes to address these issues (up to 50 points): 1. The economic characteristics; 2. Educational Challenges; 3. Health care needs; and 4. Public safety issues.

b. The extent of the Project’s planning, development, and support by local residents, institutions, and Critical Community Facilities (up to 40 points);

c. The level of experience and past success of operating broadband systems for the management team (up to 10 points); and

d. In making a final selection among and between applications with comparable rankings and geographic distribution, the Administrator may take into consideration the characteristics of the Proposed Funded Service Area (PFSA)

#### *B. Review standards*

1. All applications for grants must be delivered to Rural Utilities Service at the address and by the date specified in this notice (see also 7 CFR 1739.2) to be eligible for funding. Rural Utilities Service will review each application for conformance with the provisions of this part. Rural Utilities Service may contact the applicant for additional information or clarification.

2. Incomplete applications as of the deadline for submission will not be considered. If an application is determined to be incomplete, the applicant will be notified in writing and the application will be returned with no further action.

3. Applications conforming with this part will then be evaluated competitively by a panel of Rural Utilities Service employees selected by the Administrator of Rural Utilities Service, and will be awarded points as described in the scoring criteria in 7 CFR 1739.17. Applications will be ranked and grants awarded in rank order until all grant funds are expended.

**C. Selection Process**

Grant applications are ranked by final score. Rural Utilities Service selects applications based on those rankings, subject to the availability of funds.

**VI. Award Administration Information**

**A. Award Notices**

Rural Utilities Service recognizes that each funded project is unique, and therefore may attach conditions to different projects' award documents. Rural Utilities Service generally notifies applicants whose projects are selected for awards by emailing a scanned copy of an award letter. Rural Utilities Service follows the award letter with a grant agreement that contains all the terms and conditions for the grant. An applicant must execute and return the grant agreement, accompanied by any additional items required by the grant agreement.

**B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements.** The items listed in paragraph IV.C.2.k of this notice, and the Community Connect Grant Program regulation, application guide and accompanying materials implement the appropriate administrative and national policy requirements.

**C. Reporting**

1. **Performance reporting.** All recipients of Community Connect Grant

Program financial assistance must provide annual performance activity reports to RUS until the project is complete and the funds are expended. A final performance report is also required; the final report may serve as the last annual report. The final report must include an evaluation of the success of the project. See 7 CFR 1739.19.

2. **Financial reporting.** All recipients of Community Connect Grant Program financial assistance must provide an annual audit, beginning with the first year a portion of the financial assistance is expended. Audits are governed by United States Department of Agriculture audit regulations. See 7 CFR 1739.20.

3. **Recipient and Subrecipient Reporting.** The applicant must have the necessary processes and systems in place to comply with the reporting requirements for first-tier sub-awards and executive compensation under the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 in the event the applicant receives funding unless such applicant is exempt from such reporting requirements pursuant to 2 CFR part 170, § 170.110(b). The reporting requirements under the Transparency Act pursuant to 2 CFR part 170 are as follows:

a. First Tier Sub-Awards of \$25,000 or more (unless they are exempt under 2 CFR part 170) must be reported by the Recipient to <http://www.fsrs.gov> no later than the end of the month following the month the obligation was made.

b. The Total Compensation of the Recipient's Executives (5 most highly compensated executives) must be reported by the Recipient (if the Recipient meets the criteria under 2 CFR part 170) to <http://www.sam.gov> by the end of the month following the month in which the award was made.

c. The Total Compensation of the Subrecipient's Executives (5 most highly compensated executives) must be reported by the Subrecipient (if the Subrecipient meets the criteria under 2 CFR part 170) to the Recipient by the

end of the month following the month in which the subaward was made.

**VII. Agency Contacts**

A. Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/commconnect.htm>. This Web site maintains up-to-date resources and contact information for the Community Connect Grant Program.

B. Phone: 202-690-4673

C. Fax: 202-690-4389

D. Main point of contact: Kenneth Kuchno, Director, Broadband Division, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: June 6, 2013.

**John Charles Padalino,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Economic Development Administration**

**Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility to Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance**

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and Opportunity for Public Comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2341 et seq.), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of these firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

**LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE**  
[5/30/2013 through 6/5/2013]

Firm name	Firm address	Date accepted for investigation	Product(s)
Folbot Holdings, LLC .....	4209 Pace Street, Charleston, SC 29405.	5/29/2013	The firm manufactures foldable, skin on frame kayaks. Manufacturing materials include aluminum and fabric.
Frontier Metal Stamping, Inc ..	3764 Puritan Way, Frederick, CO 80516.	5/31/2013	The firm produces stamped metal parts.
RD Industries, Inc .....	7417 N 101st St, Omaha, NE 68122.	6/4/2013	The firm produces plastic chemical dispensing and containment products.
Bodypoint, Inc .....	558 First Ave South, Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98104.	6/4/2013	The firm manufactures wheelchair seating and positioning systems.