

need and minimizes or mitigates potential impacts.

RUS is authorized to make loans and loan guarantees that finance the construction of electric distribution, transmission, and generation facilities, including system improvements and replacements required to furnish and improve electric service in rural areas, as well as demand side management, energy conservation programs, and on-grid and off-grid renewable energy systems. RUS is responsible for completing the environmental review process in processing Basin Electric's application. RUS is serving as the lead Federal agency, as defined at 40 CFR 1501.5, for preparation of the FEIS. Based on an interconnection with the Western Area Power Administration's (Western) transmission system, Western has, in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.6, is serving as a cooperating agency for the environmental review of the proposed Project. Western is also serving as the lead Federal agency, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.2(a)(2), for the Section 106 review of cultural resources and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), Section 7 review for threatened and endangered species. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) may issue a special use permit under the Federal Land Policy Management Act and is also serving as a cooperating agency. Separate Records of Decision (RODs) will be issued by Western and the USFS for their respective actions. It is anticipated that the RODS will be issued in July 2014.

The proposed Project is subject to the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC), which has regulatory authority for siting electrical transmission facilities within the State. Basin Electric has submitted applications to the NDPSC for Transmission Corridor and Route Permits. The NDPSC Permits would authorize Basin Electric to construct the proposed Project under North Dakota rules and regulations.

RUS has prepared the FEIS to analyze the impacts of its respective Federal actions and the proposed Project in accordance with the NEPA, as amended, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulation for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), Department of Energy's NEPA Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021), and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794). RUS has already prepared and published a DEIS and a SDEIS which can both be found on the internet at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-AVS-Neset.html>.

Because the Project covers a large land area and access in some cases has been restricted, Section 106 review will be phased in accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(b)(2) and 800.5(a)(3). Accordingly, Western will complete Section 106 review using a Programmatic Agreement (PA) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.14(b)(1)(ii). RUS, at the request of Western, will manage the development and execution of the PA. RUS may issue the Record of Decision for the proposed Project once the PA has been executed.

This Notice of Availability also serves as a notice of proposed floodplain or wetland action. It is anticipated that there will be no effect on floodplains and wetlands by the proposed Project. The majority of the floodplains/wetlands crossed are associated with river and stream crossings and can be spanned. Some structures may be located in the floodplain of the Little Missouri River; however, no effects to the floodplain are anticipated.

James F. Elliott,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Electric Programs, USDA, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Funding Availability and Grant Application Deadlines

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of funds availability; correction.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), published a notice of funds availability concerning the Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 competition. The document contained incorrect information with regard to the deadline for electronic submissions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sam Morgan, Program Management Analyst, Advanced Services Division, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, email: sam.morgan@wdc.usda.gov, telephone: (202) 690–4493, fax: (202) 720–1051. Additional point of contact: Norberto Esteves, Acting Director, Advanced Services Division at norberto.esteves@wdc.usda.gov or at same phone numbers previously listed.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of May 22, 2014, in FR Doc. 2014–11700, on page

29403, in the second column, under the “F. Deadline caption”, correct “2.” to read:

2. Electronic grant applications must be received by July 7, 2014 to be eligible for FY 2014 funding. Late or incomplete applications will not be eligible for FY 2014 grant funding.

Dated: May 23, 2014.

John Charles Padalino,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Illinois Advisory Committee for a Meeting on Discussing the Project Proposal on Hate Crimes in Illinois and a Briefing on Religious Discrimination in Prisons

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Illinois Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2014, for the purpose of discussing and voting on a project proposal regarding hate crimes in Illinois and for gathering information and hearing statements regarding religious discrimination in Illinois prisons. The Committee will have the proposal presented by the Commission's two Midwestern Regional Office interns and discuss the proposal afterward. The Committee also will hear testimony from the chief chaplain of the state's Department of Corrections to update information the Committee had obtained on the topic in 2007. The testimony presented at this meeting will provide in part a basis for the Committee's final recommendations on the topic.

Members of the public are invited and welcomed to make statements into the record at the meeting starting at 3:30 p.m. Members of the public who cannot attend in person can listen to the discussion. This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 888–438–5535, conference ID: 9306519. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no

charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Member of the public are also entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by July 12, 2014. Written comments may be mailed to the Midwestern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60615. They may also be faxed to the Commission at (312) 353-8311, or emailed to Administrative Assistant, Carolyn Allen at callen@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Midwestern Regional Office at (312) 353-8311.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Midwestern Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Midwestern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Illinois Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Midwestern Regional Office at the above email or street address.

Agenda:

Welcome and Introductions

12:00 p.m. to 12:10 p.m.

Barbara Abrajano, Chairman, Illinois Advisory Committee

Discussion of Hate Crime Project Proposal

12:10 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Changho Kim, USCCR intern
Mrinalini Penumaka, USCCR intern
Illinois Advisory Committee

Briefing on Religious Discrimination in Prisons

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

IL Department of Correction Chief
Chaplain Stephen Keim

Business Meeting

3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Open Session

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

4:00 p.m.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2014, at 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the University of Chicago Law School, 1111 E. 60th St., Classroom VI, Chicago, IL 60637.

Dated: May 23, 2014.

David Mussatt,

*Acting Chief, Regional Programs
Coordination Unit.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; 2014 Business R&D and Innovation Survey

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written or on-line comments must be submitted on or before July 29, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Mary Potter, U.S. Census Bureau, MCD HQ-7K157, 4600 Silver Hill Rd., Suitland, MD 20746, (301) 763-4207 (or via the internet at mary.c.potter@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau, with support from the National Science Foundation (NSF), plans to conduct the Business

R&D and Innovation Survey (BRDIS). The BRDIS covers all domestic for-profit businesses that have 5 or more paid employees and are classified in certain industries. The BRDIS provides the only comprehensive data on R&D costs and detailed expenses by type and industry.

The Census Bureau has conducted an R&D survey since 1957 (the Survey of Industrial Research and Development (SIRD) from 1957-2007 and BRDIS from 2008-present), collecting primarily financial information on the systematic work companies were undertaking with the goal of discovering new knowledge or using existing knowledge to develop new or improved goods and services. The 2014 BRDIS will continue to collect the following types of information:

- R&D expense based on accounting standards.
- Worldwide R&D of domestic companies.
- Business segment detail.
- R&D related capital expenditures.
- Detailed data about the R&D workforce.
- R&D strategy and data on the potential impact of R&D on the market.
- R&D directed to application areas of particular national interest.
- Data measuring innovation, intellectual property protection activities and technology transfer.

The BRDIS utilizes a booklet instrument that facilitates the obtaining of information from various contacts within each company that have the best understanding of the concepts and definitions being presented as well as access to the information necessary to provide the most accurate response. The sections of the booklet have been defined by grouping questions based on subject matter areas within the company and currently include: A company information section that includes detailed innovation questions; a financial section focused on company R&D expenses; a human resources section; an R&D strategy and management section; an IP and technology transfer section; and a section focused on R&D that is funded or paid for by third parties. A web instrument is also available to the companies. The web instrument incorporates the use of Excel spreadsheets that are provided to facilitate the electronic collection of information within the companies. Companies have the capability to download the spreadsheets from the Census Bureau's Web site; Census Bureau also provides a spreadsheet that is programmed to consolidate the information for the companies so the company can simply upload this