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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade.

The Terms of Reference of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL) are:

- (a) To draft provisions on labelling applicable to all foods;
- (b) to consider, amend if necessary, and endorse draft specific provisions on labelling prepared by other Codex Committees drafting standards, codes of practice and guidelines;
- (c) to study specific labelling problems assigned to it by the Commission; and,
- (d) to study problems associated with the advertisement of food with particular reference to claims and misleading descriptions.

The CCFL is hosted by Canada. The United States attends CCFL as a member country of Codex.

#### Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 45th Session of the CCFL will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the Committee by the CAC and Codex subsidiary bodies
- Matters of interest from FAO and WHO
- Consideration of labelling provisions in draft Codex standards
- Proposed draft Guidance for the Labelling of Non-Retail Containers
- Proposed draft Guidelines of Front-of-Pack Nutrition Labelling
- internet sales/e-commerce
- Innovation—use of technology in food labelling
- Labelling of alcoholic beverages
- Criteria for the definition of “high in” nutritional descriptors for fats, sugars, and sodium
- Labelling of foods in joint presentation and multipack formats
- Future work and direction of CCFL
- Other Business

#### Public Meeting

At the April 9, 2019, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to Douglas Balentine, U.S. Delegate for the 45th Session of the CCFL (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 45th Session of the CCFL.

#### Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, the U.S. Codex Office will announce this **Federal Register** publication on-line through the USDA web page located at: <http://www.usda.gov/codex/>, a link that also offers an email subscription service providing access to information related to Codex. Customers can add or delete their subscription themselves and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

#### Forest Service

#### Eligibility Criteria for Tribal and Alaska Native Biomass Demonstration Projects Under the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Eligibility Criteria for Biomass Demonstration Projects.

**SUMMARY:** The Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2017 amends the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA), to enter into contracts or agreements with Indian tribes, and, in Alaska, tribal organizations to carry out demonstration projects to promote biomass energy production on Indian forest land and in nearby communities by providing reliable supplies of woody biomass from federal lands.

The Act contains Eligibility Criteria required to be addressed by an Indian tribe or tribal organization in their application to the Secretary, in order to enter into Biomass Demonstration Projects. The Eligibility Criteria are required to be made publically available not later than 120 days after the date of the Act's enactment. The Act also contains Selection Criteria, which will be used, without modification, by the Secretary to evaluate applications submitted. The Act's Eligibility and Selection Criteria will be used, without modification, to select biomass demonstration projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture.

**DATES:** This Notice is applicable upon the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents may be viewed on the World-Wide internet at <https://www.fs.fed.us/spf/tribalrelations/authorities.shtml>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Church, Assistant Director, Forest Products, 202-205-1732, during normal business hours, or send an email to [wospecialproducts@fs.fed.us](mailto:wospecialproducts@fs.fed.us). Additional information about this notice may be obtained on the World-Wide

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Section 202 of Public Law 115-325, the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2017 amends the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004 (25 U.S.C. 3115a *et seq.*) for the purpose of establishing Tribal and Alaska Native biomass demonstration projects for federally recognized Indian tribes and Alaska Native corporations to promote biomass energy production, on Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service lands.

For Tribal Biomass Demonstration Projects, the Act requires, for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021, the Secretary to enter into stewardship contracts or similar agreements (excluding direct service contracts) with Indian tribes to carry out at least four new demonstration projects to promote biomass energy production (including biofuel, heat, and electricity generation) on Indian forest land, and in nearby communities, by providing reliable supplies of woody biomass from Federal land.

For Alaska Native Biomass Demonstration Projects, the Act requires, for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021, the Secretary to enter into an agreement or contract with an Indian tribe or a tribal organization to carry out at least one new demonstration project to promote biomass energy production (including biofuel, heat, and electricity generation) by providing reliable supplies of woody biomass from Federal land. The terms Indian tribe and tribal organization have the same meanings as defined in the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (section 4, 25 U.S.C. 5304).

**Eligibility Criteria**

The Act's Eligibility Criteria, without modification, will be used to select biomass demonstration projects on Forest Service lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture. The Act's Tribal Biomass Demonstration Project Eligibility Criteria require the Indian tribe submit, to the Secretary of Agriculture, an application: (1) Containing such information as the Secretary may require; and (2) that includes a

description of (A) the Indian forest land or rangeland under the jurisdiction of the Indian tribe; and (B) the demonstration project proposed to be carried out by the Indian tribe.

The Act's Alaska Native Biomass Demonstration Project Eligibility Criteria require the Indian tribe or tribal organization submit, to the Secretary of Agriculture, an application: (1) Containing such information as the Secretary may require; and (2) that includes a description of the demonstration project proposed to be carried out by the Indian tribe or tribal organization.

**Selection Criteria**

The Act's Selection Criteria, without modification, will be used to evaluate applications submitted for biomass demonstration projects on Forest Service lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture.

In evaluating the applications submitted under the Act's Tribal Biomass Demonstration Project Eligibility Criteria, the Secretary of Agriculture is required to: (1) To take into consideration (A) the factors set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 2(e) of the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004; and (B) whether a proposed project would—

(i) Increase the availability or reliability of local or regional energy;

(ii) Enhance the economic development of the Indian tribe;

(iii) Result in or improve the connection of electric power transmission facilities serving the Indian tribe with other electric transmission facilities;

(iv) Improve the forest health or watersheds of Federal land or Indian forest land or rangeland;

(v) Demonstrate new investments in infrastructure; or

(vi) Otherwise promote the use of woody biomass; and

(2) exclude from consideration any merchantable logs that have been identified by the Secretary for commercial sale.

In evaluating the applications submitted under the Alaska Native Biomass Demonstration Project Eligibility Criteria, the Secretary of Agriculture is required to

(A) take into consideration whether a proposed project would—

(i) Increase the availability or reliability of local or regional energy;

(ii) Enhance the economic development of the Indian tribe;

(iii) Result in or improve the connection of electric power transmission facilities serving the Indian tribe with other electric transmission facilities;

(iv) Improve the forest health or watersheds of Federal land or non-Federal land;

(v) Demonstrate new investments in infrastructure; or

(vi) Otherwise promote the use of woody biomass; and

(B) exclude from consideration any merchantable logs that have been identified by the Secretary for commercial sale.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Rural Business-Cooperative Service**

**Notice of Solicitation of Applications for Inviting Applications for the Rural Business Development Grant Program To Provide Technical Assistance for Rural Transportation Systems**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to invite applications for grants to provide Technical Assistance for Rural Transportation (RT) systems under the Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) to provide Technical Assistance for RT systems and for RT systems to Federally Recognized Native American Tribes' (FRNAT) (collectively "Programs") and the terms provided in such funding. Successful applications will be selected by the Agency for funding and subsequently awarded from funds appropriated for the RBDG program.

The Agency will publish the amount of funding on its website at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/newsroom/notices-solicitation-applications-nosas>. Expenses incurred in developing applications will be at the applicant's risk.

**DATES:** See under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit applications in paper format to the USDA Rural Development State Office for the State where the Project is located. A list of the USDA Rural Development State Office contacts can be found at: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices>. If you want to submit an electronic application, follow the instructions for the RBDG funding announcement located at <http://www.grants.gov>. Please review the