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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Forests in Alabama Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Forests in Alabama Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet virtually. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act. RAC information can be found at the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/pts/special/projects/racweb>.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, July 31, 2020, from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held with virtual attendance only. For virtual meeting information, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the National Forests in Alabama Supervisor's Office. Please call ahead to set an appointment and facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sheila Holifield, RAC Coordinator, by phone at 334–235–5494 or via email at sheila.holifield@usda.gov; or Tammy Freeman Brown, Designated Federal Officer, by phone at 334–315–4926 or via email at tammy.freemanbrown@usda.gov.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to review, discuss, recommend, and approve new Title II projects. The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by Tuesday, July 21, 2020, to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the RAC may file written statements with the RAC staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Sheila Holifield, RAC Coordinator by email to sheila.holifield@usda.gov.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening

devices, or other reasonable accommodation. For access to the facility or proceedings, please contact the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[Docket: RBS–20–CO–OP–0024]

Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's (RBCS) intention to revise a currently approved information collection in support of the program for the Annual Survey of Farmer Cooperatives, as authorized in the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 31, 2020 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pamela Bennett, Rural Development Innovation Center, Regulations Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 0793, Room 4015 South Building, Washington, DC 20250–0793. Telephone: (202) 720–9639. Email: pamela.bennett@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Annual Survey of Farmer Cooperatives. *OMB Number:* 0570–0007.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: One of the objectives of RBCS is to promote the understanding, use and development of the cooperative form of business as a viable option for enhancing the income of agricultural producers and other rural residents. RBCS direct role is providing knowledge to improve the effectiveness and performance of farmer cooperative businesses through technical assistance, research, information, and education. The annual survey of farmer cooperatives collects basic statistics on cooperative business volume, net income, members, financial status, employees, and other selected information to support RBCS' objective and role. Cooperative statistics are published in an annual report and other formats for use by the U.S. Department

of Agriculture, cooperative management and members, educators and researchers, other Federal agencies, cooperative trade associations, general agribusiness, cooperative development practitioners, students, teachers, consultants, and many others.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 76 minutes or less per response.

Respondents: Farmer, rancher, and fishery cooperatives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,037.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

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Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 792 Hours.

Comments

The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RBCS is submitting to OMB for approval. 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.

Comments may be sent by the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and, in the lower "Search Regulations and Federal Actions" box, select "Rural Business-Cooperative Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click on "Submit." In the Docket ID column, select RBS-20-CO-OP-0024 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. Information on using [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including instructions for accessing documents,

submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "User Tips" link.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Pamela Bennett, Rural Development Innovation Center, Regulations Management Division, at (202) 720-9639. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Mark Brodziski,

Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[Docket #: RBS-CO-OP-0026]

Inviting Applications for Rural Cooperative Development Grants

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces that the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (Agency) is accepting fiscal year (FY) 2020 applications for the Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) program. The program funding level for FY 2020 is a total of \$5.8 million.

The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. Eligible applicants are a non-profit corporation or an institution of higher education.

DATES: Completed applications must be submitted electronically by no later than midnight Eastern Time, August 3, 2020, through [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), to be eligible for grant funding. Please review the [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) website at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html> for instructions on the process of registering your organization as soon as possible to ensure that you are able to meet the electronic application deadline. Late applications are not eligible for funding under this Notice and will not be evaluated.

ADDRESSES: You are encouraged to contact your USDA Rural Development State Office well in advance of the application deadline to discuss your project and ask any questions about the RCDG program or application process. Contact information for State Offices

can be found at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices>.

Program guidance as well as application and matching funds templates may be obtained at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-cooperative-development-grant-program>. To submit an electronic application, follow the instructions for the RCDG funding announcement located at <http://www.grants.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Natalie Melton, Program Management Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mail Stop-3226, Room 4204-South, Washington, DC 20250-3226, (202) 720-1400 or email CPgrants@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Preface

The Agency encourages applications that will support recommendations made in the Rural Prosperity Task Force report to help improve life in rural America. www.usda.gov/ruralprosperity Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that provide measurable results in helping rural communities build robust and sustainable economies through strategic investments in infrastructure, partnerships and innovation. Key strategies include:

- Achieving e-Connectivity for rural America
- Developing the Rural Economy
- Harnessing Technological Innovation
- Supporting a Rural Workforce
- Improving Quality of Life

Overview

Federal Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

Funding Opportunity Title: Rural Cooperative Development Grants.

Announcement Type: Initial Notice.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 10.771.

Date: Application Deadline.

Electronic applications must be received by <http://www.grants.gov> no later than midnight Eastern Time, August 3, 2020, or it will not be considered for funding.

The Application Template provides specific, detailed instructions for each item of a complete application. The Agency emphasizes the importance of including every item and strongly encourages applicants to follow the instructions carefully, using the examples and illustrations in the Application Template. Prior to official submission of applications, applicants may request technical assistance or other application guidance from the Agency, as long as such requests are