

envelope and the letter should be marked "Privacy Act Request," and should include the name of the individual making the request, the name of the system of records, any other information specified in the system notice and a statement of whether the requester desires to be supplied with copies by mail or email. Individuals may also directly contact the applicable State agency or local SNAP office.

Requests to the system manager must also include sufficient data for FNS to verify your identity. If the sensitivity of the records warrants it, FNS may require that you submit a signed, notarized statement indicating that you are the individual to whom the records pertain and stipulating that you understand that knowingly or willfully seeking or obtaining access to records about another individual under false pretenses is a misdemeanor punishable by fine up to \$5,000. No identification shall be required, unless the records are required by 5 U.S.C. 552 to be released. If FNS determines to grant the requested access, fees may be charged in accordance with 7 CFR part 1, subpart G, 1.120 before making the necessary copies. In place of a notarization, your signature may be submitted under 28 U.S.C. 1746, a law that permits statements to be made under penalty of perjury as a substitute for notarization.

#### CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Individuals desiring to contest or amend information maintained in the system should direct their requests to the System Manager listed above or to the State agency that provided the data. The request should identify each record in question, state the amendment or correction desired, and state why the individual believes that the record is not accurate, relevant, timely, or complete. The individual may submit any documentation that would be helpful. Requests sent to the system manager will be shared to the State agency that provided the data for resolution. This request must follow the procedures set forth in 7 CFR part 1, subpart G, 1.116 (Request for correction or amendment to record).

FNS is not able to change information about individuals within the NAC. State agencies serve as the authoritative source for the information they provide and are accountable for providing accurate information from their system to the NAC.

#### NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Any individual may request information regarding this system of records, or information as to whether the system contains records pertaining

to the individual, from the System Manager listed above: See RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES.

#### EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

#### HISTORY:

None.

**Cynthia Long,**

*Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Economic Development Administration

#### Request for Information on Implementation of the Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program

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

**ACTION:** Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, through the Economic Development Administration (EDA), is seeking information to inform the planning and design of the Distressed Area Recompete Pilot (Recompete Pilot) Program. Responses to this Request for Information (RFI) will inform planning for the implementation of the Recompete Pilot Program.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 27, 2023. Submissions received after that date may not be considered. Written comments in response to this RFI should be submitted in accordance with the instructions in the **ADDRESSES** and **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** sections below.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by mail to [recompete@eda.gov](mailto:recompete@eda.gov). Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mara Quintero Campbell, Senior Advisor, via email: [MCampbell@eda.gov](mailto:MCampbell@eda.gov) or via telephone: (202) 482-9055. Please reference "Recompete RFI" in the subject line of your correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Section 10621 of the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act directs the Department of Commerce to establish a pilot program to award strategy development grants and strategy implementation

grants to eligible recipients representing eligible local labor markets, tribes, or local communities to "alleviate persistent economic distress and support long-term comprehensive economic development and job creation in eligible areas." (15 U.S.C. 3722b; Pub. L. 117-167, Division B, Title VI, Subtitle C, Sec. 10621(a)(2), 136 Stat. 1642). Of the \$1 billion authorized for the Recompete Pilot Program from fiscal year 2022 through 2026, \$200 million has been made available for the program as of the publication of this RFI.

The Recompete Pilot Program will invest in distressed communities across the country to create, and connect workers to, good jobs and support long-term comprehensive economic development. The Recompete Pilot Program specifically targets areas with lower than the U.S. average labor participation by prime-age (25 to 54 years of age) workers (*i.e.*, high prime-age employment gap) and strives to make targeted interventions to spark economic activity in such areas.

The program focuses on eligible geographic areas—Tribal lands, local labor markets, and local communities<sup>1</sup>—that are experiencing low labor force participation. Part of the goal of this RFI is to identify the different interventions and approaches capable of making a discernible impact on prime-age employment and related indicators of economic distress, such as low household or per capita income.

EDA intends to run a rigorous, fair, and evidence-driven competition informed by the experiences of all stakeholders, economic development practitioners, and relevant policy research to guide program design, structure, and evaluation, and to ensure program impacts are distributed inclusively and equitably. This RFI is meant to encourage the field of workforce and economic development to provide evidence-based guidance that will be used to plan the implementation of the \$200 million Recompete Pilot Program.

#### Specific Request for Information: Recompete Characteristics

1. For those who live or work in areas with high prime-age employment gaps, what barriers should be addressed to increase job placement/retention and/or job creation? What unique challenges and opportunities do you see in your community?

2. How might EDA determine how large of an investment is necessary to meaningfully advance the economy of a

<sup>1</sup> Eligible geographic areas are defined at 15 U.S.C. 3722b(f)(1), (3), (4), and (8).

local labor market or community with a high prime-age employment gap? What data and information are important to that determination?

a. If implementation awards were limited to the statutory minimum of \$20 million, what types of initial investments would most significantly increase employment rates?

3. What scale and types of economic development interventions would be most likely to advance the economy of a locality or region with a high prime-age employment gap? For example, should the program emphasize industry sectors or be sector agnostic?

a. Are there limitations due to what's currently allowable with EDA funding?

b. Given that each eligible community will bring its own unique set of challenges and opportunities, how should EDA evaluate whether any such investments, interventions, and/or policies would be most effective in an eligible community?

c. What features of existing block grant programs should EDA adopt or avoid to increase the likelihood of alleviating persistent economic distress and increasing employment? What about these features makes them effective or ineffective?

4. What economic development assets are most predictive of long-term success from a Recompete intervention?

5. What economic development assets does a local labor market and/or community need to have to take advantage of the Recompete Pilot Program?

6. What are best practices for building local public capacity that would prepare local labor markets and/or communities for Recompete implementation and other future funding?

7. What are the most significant distinctions in the interventions needed in smaller versus larger geographic areas, or local communities versus local labor markets as defined by the statute?

8. Please provide research and evidence of interventions that work in highly distressed labor markets and/or communities to create good jobs and/or connect un- or underemployed residents to good jobs.

#### **Specific Request for Information: Recompete Pilot Program Design**

9. Are there measures in addition to prime-age employment gap (for local labor markets) and prime-age employment gap and median household income (for local communities) recommended to reach areas that are either (a) most persistently distressed, or (b) most likely to show sustained economic development progress after intervention?

10. How can federal grants and cooperative agreements be structured to ensure the impacts of the Recompete Pilot Program are shared broadly and equitably?

11. The statute permits implementation investments only in areas with an approved Recompete Plan. What elements should Recompete Plans include, and against what criteria should EDA evaluate them?

12. How should EDA evaluate Tribal prime-age population given that data from the Department of the Treasury's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund programs under title VI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 802 *et seq.*) are unlikely to be available?

13. What should EDA consider in designing the program for its current funding level of \$200 million given the \$1 billion vision in the program's statutory authorization? How should those considerations affect EDA's design of the program now and potentially into future years?

14. What else should EDA consider when building this program?

#### **Specific Request for Information: Recompete Pilot Program Administration**

15. What types of administrative or technical assistance will help the recipients of Recompete funding to be more successful during implementation?

16. How should EDA measure the success of the Recompete Pilot Program?

a. What would be the indications of a successful implementation investment under the Recompete Pilot Program?

17. How can the Recompete Pilot Program best complement and leverage other Federal, State, and local economic development investments (*e.g.*, HUD's Community Development Block Grant program, American Rescue Plan Act, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act, CHIPS and Science Act, etc.) so that persistent economic distress is alleviated successfully?

18. What is a realistic time period (*e.g.*, 5, 10, 15 years, other?) over which to evaluate the economic development impacts of the Recompete Pilot Program and why?

Date: February 17, 2023.

**Susan Brehm,**

*Regional Director, Economic Development Administration Chicago Regional Office.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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#### **New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management Committee (EBFM) and Advisory Panel Chairs to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This hybrid meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 9 a.m. Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1891800344390226011>.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; phone: (401) 739-3000.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Agenda**

The Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM) Committee and Advisory Panel Chairs will meet to discuss when and how to conduct deep-dive public information workshops. They will continue development of the Prototype Management Strategy Evaluation (pMSE) and provide guidance to the project team, the topics include: (1) interactive catch management demonstration, (2) demonstration of pMSE model framework, and (3) initial testing of identified EBFM management procedures using the pMSE model framework and operating models. Discuss other business as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues