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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Region 5 and Region 6; California, Oregon, and Washington; Forest Plan Amendment for Planning and Management of Northwest Forests Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl

Correction

In notice document 2023–27742 beginning on page 87393 in the issue of Monday, December 18, 2023, make the following correction:

On page 87393, in the second column, in the third and fourth lines from the bottom, “January 29, 2024” should read “February 1, 2024”.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[DOCKET #: RBS–23–BUSINESS–0024]

Notice of Solicitation of Applications for the Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2024

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS, Agency), a Rural Development (RD) agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), invites applications under the Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) program for fiscal year (FY) 2024, subject to the availability of funding. The Agency estimates \$2,000,000 will be available for the RISE Program for FY 2024. Selected applicants will use Agency grant funds to provide financial assistance in support of innovation centers and job accelerator programs

that improve the ability of distressed rural communities to create high wage jobs, accelerate the formation of new businesses, and help rural communities identify and maximize local assets. All applicants are responsible for any expenses incurred in developing their applications.

DATES: Completed applications must be submitted electronically no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time April 1, 2024, through www.grants.gov to be eligible for grant funding. Please review the www.grants.gov website 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. The Agency will not consider any application(s) received after the deadline and that are not submitted through www.grants.gov. Potential applicants may submit a concept proposal for review by the Agency to www.grants.gov by 4:30 p.m. local time on February 1, 2024 in compliance with 7 CFR 4284.1115(a). The application and Concept Proposal deadline dates and times are firm.

ADDRESSES: Entities wishing to apply for a RISE grant, or to submit a Concept Proposal for their project, may download the application documents and requirements delineated in this Notice from the RD RISE website: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-innovation-stronger-economy-rise-grants>. Information for the submission of an electronic application may be found at: www.grants.gov. Concept Proposals containing elements outlined in Section D.2 of this Notice must be submitted to www.grants.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Reister, Program Management Division, RBCS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mail Stop-3226, Washington, DC 20250–3226, (202) 720–1400 or email: rachel.reister@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

Federal Awarding Agency Name: Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

Funding Opportunity Title: Rural Innovation Stronger Economy Grant Program.

Announcement Type: Notice of Solicitation of Applications.

Funding Opportunity Number: RD–RBS–24–01–RISE.

Assistance Listing: 10.755.

Dates: Electronic applications must be received and accepted by no later than 11:59 Eastern Time, April 1, 2024, or they will not be considered for funding.

Potential applicants may submit a concept proposal for review by the Agency to <https://www.grants.gov>: February 1, 2024 in compliance with 7 CFR 4284.1115(a). Submission of a concept proposal is not an application for program funds.

Rural Development Key Priorities: The Agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities (more details available at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/priority-points>):

- Assisting rural communities to recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure;
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to RD programs and benefits from RD funded projects; and
- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities.

A. Program Description

1. Purpose of the Program. The RISE program is a grant program to help struggling communities by funding job accelerators in low-income rural communities. The primary objective of the RISE program is to support jobs accelerator partnerships to improve the ability of distressed rural communities to create high wage jobs, accelerate the formation of new businesses through innovation centers, and help rural communities identify and maximize local assets.

2. Statutory Authority. The RISE program is a grant program authorized under section 379I of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008w). The regulations governing this program are published at 7 CFR part 4284, subpart L.

3. Definitions. The definitions applicable to this Notice are published at 7 CFR 4284.1103. In addition, the terms “rural” and “rural area” are defined at section 379I of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a)(13)) and will be used for this program.

4. Application of Awards. The Agency will review, evaluate, and score