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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of July 13, 2016 Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid Meeting

AGENCY: United States Agency for International Development.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

Date: Wednesday, July 13, 2016.

Time: 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Location: Horizon Ballroom, The Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20004.

Purpose

The Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA) brings together USAID and private voluntary organization officials, representatives from universities, international nongovernment organizations, U.S. businesses, and government, multilateral, and private organizations to foster understanding, communication, and cooperation in the area of foreign aid.

Agenda

USAID Administrator Gayle Smith will make opening remarks, followed by panel discussions among ACVFA members and USAID leadership on Ending Preventable Child & Maternal Deaths. The full meeting agenda will be forthcoming on the ACVFA Web site at <http://www.usaid.gov/who-we-are/organization/advisory-committee>.

Stakeholders

The meeting is free and open to the public. Registration information will be forthcoming on the ACVFA Web site at <http://www.usaid.gov/who-we-are/organization/advisory-committee>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jayne Thomisee, acvfa@usaid.gov.

Dated: June 29, 2016.

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Executive Director & Policy Advisor, U.S. Agency for International Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Re-Establishment of the Council for Native American Farming and Ranching

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing the re-establishment of the advisory Council for Native American Farming and Ranching (Council). The purpose of this advisory council is to provide recommendations to the Secretary on how to eliminate barriers to Native American participation in USDA programs. The Council will discuss issues related to the participation of Native American farmers and ranchers in USDA programs and transmit recommendations concerning any changes to regulations or internal guidance or other measures. The Council is necessary and in the public interest. The USDA is seeking nominations for individuals to be considered Council members. Candidates who wish to be considered for membership on the Council for Native American Farmers and Ranchers should submit an AD–755 application form and resume to the Secretary of Agriculture. Cover letters should be addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture. The application form can be found at: http://www.usda.gov/documents/OCIO_AD_755_Master_2012.pdf.

DATES: Submit nominations on or before August 22, 2016.

ADDRESSES: All nomination materials should be mailed in a single, complete package and postmarked by [Insert date 45 days after the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice]. All nominations for membership should be sent to: Thomas Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, 20250, Attention:

Council on Native American Farmers and Ranchers. Send comments to the Office of Tribal Relations, 500A Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leslie Wheelock, Director, Office of Tribal Relations. Email your questions to tribal.relations@osec.usda.gov or call 202–205–2249.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Council Act (FACA) as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and with the concurrence of the General Services Administration, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing the re-establishment of the advisory Council for Native American Farmers and Ranchers (Council). The Council is a discretionary advisory council that operates under the provisions of the FACA and reports to the Secretary of Agriculture. The purpose of this Council is: (1) To advise the Secretary of Agriculture on issues related to the participation of Native American farmers and ranchers in USDA programs; (2) to transmit recommendations concerning any changes to regulations or internal guidance or other measures that would eliminate barriers to program participation for Native American farmers and ranchers; (3) to examine methods of maximizing the number of new farming and ranching opportunities created through enhanced extension, sound conservation practices, targeted rural business services, and financial literacy services; (4) to examine methods of encouraging intergovernmental cooperation to mitigate the effects of land tenure and probate issues on the delivery of USDA programs; (5) to evaluate other methods of creating new farming or ranching opportunities for Native American producers; and (6) to address other Native American related issues as deemed appropriate.

The Council has 15 members, 11 of whom will be Native American leaders or persons who represent the interests of Native American tribes or Native American organizations. The term “Native American leaders” is not limited to elected Tribal representatives or members or persons with Native American ancestry. The remaining four members are the following high-ranking USDA officials: (1), Director, Office of

Tribal Relations; (2), Administrator, Farm Service Agency; (3), Chief, Natural Resources and Conservation Services; and (4) Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

Members serve without compensation, but may receive reimbursement for travel expenses and per diem in accordance with USDA travel regulations for attendance at Council functions. Council members who represent the interests of Native American farmers and ranchers may also be paid an amount not less than \$100 per day for time spent away from their employment or farming or ranching operation, subject to the availability of funds. Members may include:

- (1) Native American farmers or ranchers who have participated in USDA loan, grant, conservation, or payment programs;
- (2) Representatives of organizations with a history of working with Native American farmers or ranchers;
- (3) Representatives of tribal governments with demonstrated experience working with Native American farmers or ranchers; and
- (4) Such other persons as the Secretary considers appropriate.

No individual who is currently registered as a Federal lobbyist is eligible to serve as a member of the Council.

The Secretary of Agriculture invites those individuals, organizations, and groups affiliated with the categories listed above or who have knowledge of issues related to the purpose of the Council to nominate individuals for membership on the Council. Individuals and organizations who wish to nominate experts for this or any other USDA advisory council should submit a letter to the Secretary listing these individuals' names and business address, phone, and email contact information. The Secretary of Agriculture seeks a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons interested in providing suggestions and ideas on how USDA can tailor its farm programs to meet the needs of Native American farmers and ranchers. Individuals receiving nominations will be contacted and asked to return the AD-755 application form and a resume within 10 business days of notification. All candidates will be vetted and considered for appointment by the Secretary of Agriculture. Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the Council in accordance with USDA policies. The Council will meet at least once per fiscal year.

Dated: June 30, 2016.

Gregory L. Parham,

Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) for Loans to Re-Lenders Under the Community Facility Loan Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; applications for Re-lenders.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) has amended the Community Facility Direct Loan regulations to enable the Agency to make loans to qualified Re-lenders who will loan those funds to Applicants primarily for projects in or serving persistent poverty counties or high poverty areas that are eligible under the Community Facility Loan Program.

DATES: To apply for funds, the Agency must receive a complete application by 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on August 8, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to: Kristen Grifka, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Stop 0787, Room 0175, Washington, DC 20250-0787.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Kristen Grifka at (202) 720-1504 or via email at kristen.grifka@wdc.usda.gov for further information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

Solicitation Title: Community Facility Direct Loan Program—Re-lending.

Announcement Type: Initial Notice.

Catalog of Federal Domestic

Assistance Number: 10.766.

Dates: For the list of dates please refer to the **DATES** section above.

Availability of Notice: This Notice is available through the USDA Rural Development site at: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/newsroom/notices-solicitation-applications-nosas>.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Purpose

The purpose of this Notice is to seek applications from Re-lenders who would loan those funds to Applicants primarily for projects in or serve persistent poverty counties or high poverty areas that are eligible under the Community Facility (CF) Direct Loan Program.

B. Statutory Authority

This program is authorized in 5 U.S.C. 301; 7 U.S.C. 1989; 7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(1).

II. Award Information

Type of Awards: Direct Loans will be made to eligible Re-lenders for the purpose of lending these funds to eligible CF applicants for eligible CF purposes in accordance with 7 CFR part 1942.

Fiscal Year Funds: \$500 Million of FY 2016 Direct CF Loan funds.

Available Funds: The Agency will make available \$500 Million of Direct CF Loan funds to eligible Re-lenders for the purpose of carrying out this notice.

Award Amounts: Direct loans will be made in amounts based upon the availability of \$500 Million of CF Direct Loan funds.

Award Dates: Awards will be made on or before September 30, 2016.

III. Definitions

Aeris Financial Strength and Performance Rating—Aeris is ratings system that rates community development financial institutions (CDFI). The Aeris rating methodology is designed for non-depository CDFIs that have a majority of their assets invested in loans (as opposed to real estate, equity, or equity-like investments), and have at least five years of financing history. The Financial Strength and Performance Rating is an assessment conducted by AERIS of the CDFI's overall creditworthiness that is based on an analysis of past financial performance, current financial strength, and apparent risk factors.

Applicant. Those eligible entities described in 7 CFR 1942.17(b)(1) making application to the Re-lender to borrow funds for an eligible Community Facilities project.

Borrower. An Applicant who has received a loan from a Re-lender.

Full Recourse. Notwithstanding any provisions of the loan documents issued by the Re-lender for a Community Facilities project to the contrary, the Re-lender shall be fully and severally liable for the payment and performance of all obligations under the debt instrument issued to the Agency, regardless if the Re-lender and applicant's assets financed by advancing relending funds have been fully liquidated and are inadequate to fully pay the loan amount, accrued interest, and all other related costs the Re-lender is liable for.

High Poverty Area. A census tract with a poverty rate greater than or equal to 20%. Areas that are considered to be High Poverty may be found on the following Web site: <http://>