

J. Response to the Uniform Relocation Assistance Act (if applicable).

III. To Establish Project Financing:

A. Statement of budget and cash flow (applicant completes Form RD 3560–7, Multiple Family Housing Project Budget/Utility Allowance), including type of utilities and utility allowance, if applicable and contribution to reserves.

B. Congregate services charges (if applicable).

C. Status of efforts to obtain leveraged funds.

D. Proposed construction financing (interim or multiple advance; if interim financing, letter of interest from intended lender).

IV. Environmental and Site Information:

A. Environmental information (applicant completes Form RD 1940–20, Request for Environmental Information).

B. Evidence of compliance with Executive Order 12372 (A–95) (if applicable) Form SF 424 is sent to a clearinghouse for intergovernmental review.

C. Provide an American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Phase I Environmental Site Assessment to cover environmental due diligence. The ASTM Phase I Environmental Site Assessment will be obtained from the company or person who performs the environmental site assessment.

D. Map showing location of community services such as schools, hospitals, fire and police departments, shopping malls and employment centers.

E. Evidence of submission of project description to State Housing Preservation Office with request for comments.

F. The applicant's comments regarding relevant offsite conditions.

G. The applicant's explanation of any proposed energy efficiency components.

Forms to be included in initial application package may be found at the following links:

1. Form SF 424, Application for Federal Assistance, which can be found online at <http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms/sample/SF424-V2.0.pdf>;

2. Form RD 1940–20, Request for Environmental Information, which can be found online at http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/Forms/RD1940-0020_060400V01.pdf;

3. Form RD 3560–7, Multiple Family Housing Project Budget/Utility Allowance, which can be found online at https://formsadmin.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/Forms/RD3560-0007_060500V01.pdf;

4. Form HUD 2530, Previous Participation Certification, which can be found online at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/forms/files/2530.pdf>

5. Form RD 1924–13, Estimate and Certificate of Actual Costs, which can be found online at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/Forms/RD1924-0013.pdf>;

6. Form RD 400–4, Assurance Agreement, which can be found online at http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/Forms/RD0400-0004_970300V01.pdf;

7. Form RD 410–9, Statement Required by the Privacy Act (for individuals only), which

can be found online at <https://formsadmin.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/Forms/RD0410-0009.pdf>;

Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to include a checklist and to have their applications indexed and tabbed to facilitate the review process. The Rural Development State office will base its determination of completeness of the application and the eligibility of each applicant on the information provided in the application. All applicants will receive a letter notifying them of their selection or rejection. Applicants that are selected will be given instructions on how to proceed, following the procedures established in 7 CFR part 3560. Applicants that are rejected will be notified and given appeal rights under 7 CFR part 11.

B. Applicants are advised to contact the Rural Development State office serving the place in which they desire to submit an application for the following:

1. Questions pertaining to the application process; and
2. List of designated places for which applications for new section 515 facilities may be submitted.

VI. Areas of Special Emphasis or Consideration

Pursuant to 7 CFR 3560.56(c)(1)(iii), USDA Rural Development encourages the use of funding from other sources in conjunction with Rural Development loans through its national office initiative, outlined in Section I.C.1(c) of this Notice.

VII. Non-Discrimination Statement

U.S. Department of Agriculture prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–9410, or call (800) 795–3272 (voice), or (202) 720–6382 (TDD). “USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.”

Dated: April 14, 2009.

Thomas E. Hannah,

Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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Peanut Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a Peanut Standards Board (Board) for the purpose of advising the Secretary on quality and handling standards for domestically produced and imported peanuts. The initial Board was appointed by the Secretary and announced on December 5, 2002. USDA seeks nominations for individuals to be considered for selection as Board members for terms of office ending June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2012. Selected nominees sought by this action would fill two currently vacant industry representative positions for the remainder of terms of office ending June 30, 2011, and six producer and industry representatives who are currently serving for the term of office that ends June 30, 2009. The Board consists of 18 members representing producers and industry representatives.

DATES: Written nominations must be received on or before May 29, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Dawana J. Clark, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, Unit 155, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737: Telephone: (301) 734–5247; Fax: (301) 734–5275; e-mail: Dawana.Clark@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1308 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a Peanut Standards Board (Board) for the purpose of advising the Secretary regarding the establishment of quality and handling standards for all domestic and imported peanuts marketed in the United States. The Farm Bill requires the Secretary to consult with the Board before the Secretary establishes or changes quality and handling standards for peanuts.

The Farm Bill provides that the Board consist of 18 members, with three

producers and three industry representatives from the States specified in each of the following producing regions: (a) Southeast (Alabama, Georgia, and Florida); (b) Southwest (Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico); and (c) Virginia/Carolina (Virginia and North Carolina).

For the initial appointments, the Farm Bill required the Secretary to stagger the terms of the members so that: (a) One producer member and peanut industry member from each peanut producing region serves a one-year term; (b) one producer member and peanut industry member from each peanut producing region serves a two-year term; and (c) one producer member and peanut industry member from each peanut producing region serves a three-year term. The term "peanut industry representatives" includes, but is not limited to, representatives of shellers, manufacturers, buying points, marketing associations and marketing cooperatives. The Farm Bill exempted the appointment of the Board from the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The initial Board was appointed by the Secretary and announced on December 5, 2002.

USDA invites those individuals, organizations, and groups affiliated with the categories listed above to nominate individuals for membership on the Board. Nominees sought by this action would fill two currently vacant industry representative positions for the remainder of terms of office ending June 30, 2011, one from the Southeast and one from the Virginia-Carolina peanut producing regions. Nominees sought by this action would also replace six additional positions, one producer and one industry member from each peanut producing region who served for the term of office that ends June 30, 2009. New members filling the two current vacancies would serve the remaining 3-year term of office ending June 30, 2011. New members filling the positions expiring on June 30, 2009, would serve for a 3-year term of office ending June 30, 2012.

Nominees should complete a Peanut Standards Board Background Information form and submit it to Mrs. Clark at the address provided in the "Addresses" section above. Copies of this form may be obtained at the Internet site: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv> (below the "See Also" section, select "More" then select "Peanut Quality Standards" and below "News" select Background Information Form), or from Mrs. Clark. USDA seeks a diverse group of members representing the peanut industry.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the Board in accordance with USDA policies. To ensure that the recommendations of the Board have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups within the peanut industry, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated abilities to represent minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and limited resource agriculture producers.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7958.

Dated: April 20, 2009.

Robert C. Keeney,

Acting Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Funding Availability: Rural Development Voucher Program

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Rural Development Voucher Program Availability.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has established a demonstration Rural Development Voucher Program, as authorized under Section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, (without regard to Section 542(b)), which is being administered by USDA. This notice informs the public that funding is now available for the Rural Development voucher program. The notice also sets forth the general policies and procedures for use of these vouchers. Rural Development Vouchers are only available to tenants of Rural Development-financed multifamily properties where the owner pays off the loan, either through prepayment or a foreclosure action prior to the loan's maturity date.

DATES: April 29, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie B.M. White, Director, Multi-Family Housing Portfolio Management Division, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0782, Washington, DC 20250-0782, telephone (202) 720-1615. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 106 of the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009 (Pub. L. 110-329) (September 30, 2008) (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2009) continued the level of funding and conditions until the earlier of an applicable appropriation act for fiscal year 2009 or March 6, 2009. Subsequently, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Pub. L. 111-8) was enacted on March 11, 2009, and appropriated \$4,965,000 to USDA for the Rural Development Voucher Program as authorized under Section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1471 *et seq.* (without regard to Section 542(b)).

The Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 provided that the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture shall carry out the Rural Development Voucher Program as follows:

That of the funds made available under this heading, \$4,965,000 shall be available for rural housing vouchers to any low-income household (including those not receiving Rental Assistance) residing in a property financed with a Section 515 loan which has been prepaid after September 30, 2005: *Provided further,* That the amount of such voucher shall be the difference between comparable market rent for the Section 515 unit and the tenant paid rent for such unit: *Provided further,* That funds made available for such vouchers shall be subject to the availability of annual appropriations: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, administer such vouchers with current regulations and administrative guidance applicable to Section 8 housing vouchers administered by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (including the ability to pay administrative costs related to delivery of the voucher funds).

This notice outlines the process for providing voucher assistance to the eligible impacted families when an owner prepays a Section 515 loan or Agency action results in a foreclosure after September 30, 2005.

Design Features of the Rural Development Voucher Program

This section sets forth the design features of the Rural Development Voucher Program, including the eligibility of families, the inspection of the units, and the calculation of the subsidy amount.

Rural Development vouchers under this part are administered by the Rural Housing Service; an Agency under the Rural Development mission area, in accordance with requirements set forth in this Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) and further explained in, "The Rural Development Voucher Program