

projects proposed. Successful applications will demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics:

- The feasibility for widespread replication if proven effective and efficient;
- Client-orientation research projects carried out by grassroots organizations or others with close ties to the target population groups mentioned above;
- Research designed to demonstrate joint public/private partnerships that deliver high quality customer service;
- Research that identifies critical barriers to food stamp participation among client group(s) and specific to overcome these barriers;
- Detailed information on the proposed research including research project design, staffing information, methods used, partnerships developed, timeframes, successes, and lessons learned; and,
- The capability of the subject of the research to be sustained with local resources beyond the grant period, and the transferability of the research results.

#### Eligibility

Applications may be submitted individually or jointly. The Food and Nutrition Service encourages project applications by non-food stamp governmental authorities (e.g., State/local school districts, public health clinics), and/or cooperating nonprofit grassroots customer organizations. Applications must contain a thorough description of how and for whom the grant funds will be used for the entire period of the grant award. Grant applicants will be required to provide substantial descriptive documentation of their partnerships and letters of commitment or memoranda of understanding from all partner agencies/organizations.

#### Availability of Funds

A minimum of \$3,000,000 and a maximum of \$3,500,000 is available in Fiscal Year 2001 from FSP funds for this program. Grant awards will be made to successful proposers in Fiscal Year 2001. Project duration may extend beyond Fiscal Year 2001, but will not extend beyond 24 months from the date of award. The grant award will be 100 percent Federal funding with no matching requirement. Grant funds are not available for the conduct of studies or evaluations, although applicants are free to draw upon existing evaluations in designing their proposals. The Food and Nutrition Service may award competitive grants or cooperative agreements under this announcement. Applicants need not specify the type of

award in their proposal. The Food and Nutrition Service reserves the right to determine the type of award based on the criteria set out in 31 U.S.C. 6305. Completion of the grant does not obligate the Food and Nutrition Service to a continued relationship, either financial or technical, with the grantee.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 2026(a)(1).

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**George A. Braley,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on January 18, 2001, at Tahoe Seasons Resort, 3901 Saddle Rd., South Lake Tahoe, CA. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998 (64 FR 2876) is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held January 18, 2001, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Tahoe Seasons Resort, 3901 Saddle Rd., South Lake Tahoe, CA.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maribeth Gustafson or Jeannie Stafford, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service, 870 Emerald Bay Road Suite 1, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 573-2773.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee will meet jointly with the Lake Tahoe Basin Executives Committees. Items to be covered on the agenda include: (1) Science Advisory Group presentation; (2) Budget Subcommittee reports; (3) urban lot management program; (4) threshold review; (5) Sierra Nevada Framework and/or Restoration Act; (6) adaptive management; (7) programmatic environmental review of the Environmental Improvement Project; and (8) public comment. All Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the meeting or by filing written statements with the secretary for the Committee before or after the meeting. Please refer any written comments to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit at the contact address stated above.

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**Maribeth Gustafson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Indiana

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Indiana for review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** It is the intention of NRCS in Indiana to issue a revised conservation practice standard in Section IV of the FOTG. The revised standard is Grassed Waterway (412). This practice may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land and/or wetlands.

**DATES:** Comments will be received until on or before January 26, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all requests and comments to Jane E. Hardisty, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 6013 Lakeside Blvd., Indianapolis, Indiana 46278. Copies of this standard will be made available upon written request. You may submit your electronic requests and comments to darrell.brown@in.usda.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane E. Hardisty, 317-290-3200.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that after enactment of the law, revisions made to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law, shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Indiana will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a