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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Meeting; Southwest Oregon **Provincial Advisory Committee**

SUMMARY: The Southwest Oregon Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 16, 2004, for (1) a review of the Mt Ashland Forest Resiliency Project field trip; (2) a presentation on Water for Irrigation, Streams and Economy; (3) an update on the Northern Spotted Owl 5-year review; (4) a report on the Northwest Forest Plan and the Southwest Oregon Implementation Monitoring Report; and (5) an update from National Fire Plan and Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Livestock study work groups. The meeting will be held at the Ashland Springs Hotel, 212 E. Main Street, Ashland, OR 97520. It begins at 9 a.m., ends 3:15 p.m., and the open public forum begins at 11:30 a.m. with a 4-minute limitation per individual presentation. Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting and delivered to Designated Federal Official, Scott Conroy at the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, PO Box 520, Medford, OR 97501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Acting Public Affairs Officer Virginia Gibbons at (541) 858-2214, e-mail: vgibbons@fs.fed.us, or USDA Forest Service, PO Box 520, 333 West 8th Street, Medford, OR 97501.

Dated: October 21, 2004.

Nancy Rose,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) **Inviting Applications for the Rural Community Development Initiative** (RCDI)

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA. **ACTION:** Notice of solicitation of applications.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the availability of \$6 million of grant funds for the RCDI program through the Rural Housing Service (RHS), herein referred to as the Agency. Applicants must provide matching funds in an amount at least equal to the Federal grant. These grants will be made to qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. This Notice lists the information needed to submit an application for these funds.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of an application is 4 p.m. eastern standard time January 25, 2005. The application date and time are firm. The Agency will not consider any application received after the deadline.

ADDRESSES: Entities wishing to apply for assistance may download the application requirements delineated in this Notice from the RCDI Web site: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/rcdi/ index.htm. Applicants may also request application packages from: William Kenney, Rural Housing Service, Room 0183, Stop 0787, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0787, Telephone (202) 720–1506, E-mail: william.kenney@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Kenney, Senior Loan Specialist, Community Programs, RHS, USDA, STOP 0787, Rm. 0183, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-0787, Telephone (202) 720-1506, Facsimile (202) 690-0471, E-mail: william.kennev@usda.gov. You may also obtain information from the RCDI Web site: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/ rcdi/index.htm.

Programs Affected

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under

Number 10.446. This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The paperwork burden has been cleared by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0575-0180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

Federal Agency: Rural Housing Service.

Funding Opportunity Title: Rural Community Development Initiative.

Announcement Type: Initial Announcement.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 10.446.

Items in Supplementary Information

- I. Funding Opportunity Description: Brief Introduction to the RCDI Program
- II. Awards Information: Available Funds III. Eligibility Information: Eligible
- Applicants, Program Definitions, Cost Sharing or Matching, Program Requirements, Eligible Fund Uses, Ineligible Fund Uses, Program Example
- IV. Application and Submission Information: Address to Request Application Package, Content and Form of Application Submission, Submission Dates and Times, Funding Restrictions
- V. Application Review Information: Evaluation Criteria, Review and Selection Process
- VI. Award Administration Information: General Information, Award Notice, Administrative and National Policy Requirements, Reporting
- VII. Agency Contacts: Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Contact Name
- VIII. Other Information: State Office Responsibilities, Grant Amount Determination, State Office Contacts, Grant Agreement

Part I—Funding Opportunity Description

Congress initially created the RCDI in fiscal year (FY) 2000 to develop the capacity and ability of nonprofit organizations, low-income rural communities, or federally recognized tribes to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development in rural areas. Numerous changes have been made each year since.