

393) the Caribou-Targhee National Forests' Eastern Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, March 17, 2004, in Idaho Falls for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The business meeting will be held on March 17, 2004, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting location is the Caribou-Targhee National Forest Headquarters Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jerry Reese, Caribou-Targhee National Forest Supervisor and Designated Federal Officer, at (208) 524-7500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The business meeting on March 17, 2004 begins at 10 a.m. at the Caribou-Targhee National Forest Headquarters Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Agenda topics will include looking at project proposals for 2004 and electing a new chairperson.

Dated: February 6, 2004.

**Jerry B. Reese,**

*Caribou-Targhee Forest Supervisor.*

[FR Doc. 04-3048 Filed 2-11-04; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3410-11-M**

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Grant Program To Establish a Revolving Fund for Financing Water and Wastewater Projects

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service (RUS), USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of inquiry.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service is seeking comments from the public in its efforts to implement a new program, "Revolving Funds for Financing Water and Wastewater Projects" as authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to qualified private, non-profit entities to capitalize revolving funds for the purpose of providing loans to eligible entities for pre-development costs or small capital improvement costs. RUS is issuing this notice of inquiry to assess the current interest of eligible entities in pursuing applications for grant funds with the purpose of establishing a revolving loan fund taking into consideration the following:

(1) The ability to accomplish the provisions of the 2002 Farm Bill section utilizing current appropriations;

(2) The level of interest of ultimate recipient for the loan funds.

**DATES:** Interested parties must submit written comments on or before March 15, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Richard C. Annan, Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., stop 1522, Washington, DC 20250-1570. RUS requires, in hard copy, a signed original and 3 copies of all comments (7 CFR 1700.4). Comments will be available for public inspection during normal business hours (7 CFR part 1).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Susan Loney, Loan Specialist, Water and Environmental Programs, Rural Utilities Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., stop 1570, Washington, DC 20250-1570. Phone: 202-720-9633. Fax: 202-720-0718. E-mail: [Susan.Loney@usda.gov](mailto:Susan.Loney@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

On May 13, 2002, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) was signed into law as Pub. L. 107-171. The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act was amended by section 6002 of the Farm Bill, by adding a grant program to establish a revolving loan fund. The Secretary may make grants to qualified, private, non-profit entities. The grant recipients will use the grant funds to establish a revolving loan fund. The loans will be made to eligible entities to finance predevelopment costs of water or wastewater projects, or short-term small capital projects not part of the regular operation and maintenance of current water and wastewater systems.

Eligible entities for the revolving loan fund will be the same entities eligible to obtain loans, loan guarantees, or grants from the Rural Utilities Service program. The amount of financing to an eligible entity shall not exceed \$100,000 and shall be repaid in a term not to exceed 10 years. The rate shall be determined in the approved grant workplan.

The Act stipulates that, among other provisions, the Administrator of RUS shall prescribe regulations to implement the Act and shall issue and otherwise administer the grant program. No funds were appropriated for the Act for fiscal year (FY) 2002. The appropriations bill for FY 2004 includes \$500,000 for the grant program; therefore we are proceeding with the development of a regulation in order to implement the program.

The section also requires the Administrator of RUS to prescribe regulations to implement the provisions. We will be relying heavily on existing regulations within the Rural Development Program in order to develop regulations for this new program. The main referenced regulations will be the following:

(1) Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program (REDLG), 7 CFR 1703 Subpart B; <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/retrieve.html>

(2) Intermediary Lending Program (IRP), RD Instruction 4274-D [http://rdinit.usda.gov/regs/regs\\_toc.html](http://rdinit.usda.gov/regs/regs_toc.html) and

(3) Rural Housing regulation for the Housing Preservation Grant Program (HPG), RD Instruction 1944, Subpart N. [http://rdinit.usda.gov/regs/regs\\_toc.html](http://rdinit.usda.gov/regs/regs_toc.html)

RUS encourages interested parties to review the Act in its entirety on the USDA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill/>.

#### Request for Comment

RUS is requesting comment and discussion on the following topics:

(1) RUS is seeking comments on the current lending experience of potential grant applicants;

(2) RUS is also interested in comments regarding a proposed minimum 20 percent matching funds contribution by the grant recipient; in-kind contributions will not be accepted as part of the 20 percent minimum;

(3) RUS is interested in comments regarding the percentage of the grant funds that may be used for administrative or servicing fees;

(4) RUS is seeking comments on the issue of a maximum of 75 percent of the project costs the revolving loan should pay, with the other 25 percent of project costs paid for from non-Federal sources;

(5) RUS is interested in comments regarding the use of the Central Servicing Center for the revolving loans, including processing loan payments, reviewing financial statements, and other responsibilities involved in loan servicing, and

(6) RUS is also seeking comments on the definition of eligible and ineligible projects for the revolving loan funds.

RUS invites interested parties including, but not limited to, financial and lending institutions, non-profit organizations, consumer groups, community organizations, and individuals to comment. Written comments should provide RUS any information or analysis believed to be relevant to the issues discussed in this Notice and to the implementation of the revolving loan program.

Dated: January 8, 2004.

**Hilda Gay Legg,**

*Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

[FR Doc. 04-3113 Filed 2-11-04; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3410-15-P**

## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Illinois Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that the Illinois Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene a meeting 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2004, at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 15-500, Chicago, IL 60601. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss civil rights issues of interest and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, should contact James Scales, Committee Chairperson at 618-453-1045 or Constance M. Davis, Director of the Midwestern Regional Office 312-353-8311, (TDD 312-353-8362). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, February 5, 2004.

**Ivy L. Davis,**

*Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.*

[FR Doc. 04-3072 Filed 2-11-04; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6335-01-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office for Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

*Bureau:* International Trade Administration.

*Title:* Application for Designation of a Fair.

*OMB Number:* 0625-0228.

*Agency Form Number:* ITA-4135P.

*Type of Request:* Regular Submission.

*Burden:* 100 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The International Trade Administration's Tourism Industries office offers trade fair guidance and assistance to trade fair organizers, trade fair operators, and other travel and trade oriented groups. These fairs open doors to promising travel markets around the world. The "Application for Designation of a Fair" is a questionnaire that is prepared and signed by an organizer to begin the certification process. It asks the fair organizer to provide details as to the date, place, and sponsor of the fair, as well as license, permit, and corporate backers, and countries participating. To apply for the U.S. Department of Commerce sponsorship, the fair organizer must have all of the components of the application in order. Then, with the approval, the organizer is able to bring in their products in accordance with Customs laws. Articles which may be brought in include, but are not limited to, actual exhibit booths, exhibit items, pamphlets, brochures, and explanatory material in reasonable quantities relating to the foreign exhibits at a fair, and material for use in constructing, installing, or maintaining foreign exhibits at a fair.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit, voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; e-mail: [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 9, 2004.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

[FR Doc. 04-3092 Filed 2-11-04; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3510-DR-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for

clearance of the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

*Bureau:* International Trade Administration.

*Title:* International Buyer Program: Application and Exhibitor Data.

*Agency Form Number:* ITA-4014P and ITA-4102P.

*OMB Number:* 0625-0151.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Burden:* 1,277 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 6,470.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 5 minutes and 3 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The International Trade Administration's International Buyer Program (IBP) encourages international buyers to attend selected domestic trade shows in high export potential industries and to facilitate contact between U.S. exhibitors and foreign visitors. The program has been successful having substantially increased the number of foreign visitors attending these selected shows as compared to the attendance when not supported by the program. The number of shows selected to the program increased from 10 in Fiscal Year 1986 to 32 in fiscal year 2004. Among the criteria used to select these shows are: export potential, international interest, scope of show, stature of show, exhibitor interest, overseas marketing, logistics, and cooperation of show organizers. Form ITA-4014P, *Exhibitor Data*, is used to determine which U.S. firms are interested in meeting with international business visitors and the overseas business interest of the exhibitors. The exhibitor data form is completed by U.S. exhibitors participating in an IBP domestic trade show and is used to list the firm and its products in an Export Interest Directory, which is distributed worldwide for use by Foreign Commercial Officers in recruiting delegations of international buyers to attend the show. The Form ITA-4102P, *Application*, is used by a potential show organizer to provide (1) his/her experience, (2) ability to meet the special conditions of the IBP, and (3) information about the domestic trade show such as the number of U.S. exhibitors and the percentage of net exhibit space occupied by U.S. companies vis-a-vis non-U.S. exhibitors.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit, voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by