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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Notice of Advisory Committee Public Meeting; Correction

**AGENCY:** Agency for International Development (USAID).

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory committee public meeting and request for public comment; correction.

**SUMMARY:** USAID published a document in the **Federal Register** of May 1, 2023, concerning the public meeting on May 24 and request for public comments. The document contained incorrect timing of the event.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sophia Lajaunie, Designated Federal Officer for ACVFA, at [slajaunie@usaid.gov](mailto:slajaunie@usaid.gov) or 202-531-9819.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Corrections

In the **Federal Register** of May 1, 2023 in FR Doc. 2023-09172, on page 26516: Correct the Summary caption to read:

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), notice is hereby given of Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA) public meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ET.

And correct the second paragraph in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section to read: Pursuant to its charter, ACVFA is holding an annual public meeting on May 24, 2023, from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ET. This meeting is free and open to the public. The Committee welcomes public participation and comment before, during, and after the meeting via the web and/or email addresses provided above.

Dated: May 11, 2023.

**Sophia Lajaunie,**  
ACVFA Designated Federal Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

[Docket #: RUS-23-ELECTRIC-0005]

### Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Empowering Rural America (New ERA) Program

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS or the Agency), a Rural Development (RD) agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is soliciting Letters of Interest (LOI) for applications under the Empowering Rural America (New ERA) Program. In addition, the Agency is announcing the eligibility requirements, application process and deadlines, and the criteria that will be used by RUS to assess New ERA Applications. The New ERA Program provides RUS with \$9.7 billion in appropriated loan and grant funds under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022. In keeping with the statutory authority for the program, RUS will utilize the New ERA funds to assist Eligible Entities to achieve the greatest reduction in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions while advancing the long-term resiliency, reliability, and affordability of rural electric systems. All Eligible Entities are responsible for any expenses incurred in developing their LOIs and New ERA Applications.

**DATES:** Letters of Interest can be submitted beginning at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on July 31, 2023, and until 11:59 p.m. ET on August 31, 2023. Letters of Interest will not be accepted after 11:59 p.m. ET on August 31, 2023.

**Application Process:** Applicants must submit an LOI in order to be considered for an Invitation to Proceed. An Eligible Entity that is invited by RUS to proceed will receive an Invitation to Proceed and will have sixty (60) days to complete and submit a New ERA Application beginning from the date the Invitation to Proceed is emailed to the Applicant. If the sixty (60)-day deadline to submit the completed application falls on Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday, the application is due the next business day. RUS reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to extend the sixty (60)-day deadline upon the written request of the Applicant if the Applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Administrator

that exceptional circumstances exist to warrant the extension. New ERA Awards will be made as soon as possible following the submission of a New ERA Application, and all New ERA funds must be fully disbursed on or before September 30, 2031.

#### ADDRESSES:

**Letters of Interest (LOI) Submissions.** All LOIs must be submitted to RUS electronically through an RUS on-line application portal. The Agency will finalize the specific requirements of submitting the LOI through the on-line application portal by separate notice in the **Federal Register**, the RUS website at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/electric-programs/empowering-rural-america-new-era-program>, and [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) on or before July 31, 2023.

**Application Submissions.** Eligible Entities selected to proceed with the New ERA Application must submit a completed New ERA Application package in accordance with the instructions that will be provided in the RUS Invitation to Proceed.

**Other Information:** Additional information, resources, and sample LOI are available at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/electric-programs/empowering-rural-america-new-era-program>. The IRA Funding for Rural Development website is located at [www.rd.usda.gov/inflation-reduction-act](https://www.rd.usda.gov/inflation-reduction-act).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Overview

**Federal Awarding Agency Name:** Rural Utilities Service (RUS).

**Funding Opportunity Title:** Empowering Rural America (New ERA) Program.

**Announcement Type:** Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

**Assistance Listing Number:** 10.758.

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