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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this constitutes notice of the upcoming meeting of the Grain Inspection Advisory Committee ("the Committee").

DATES: November 16, 2004, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and November 17, 2004, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Committee meeting will take place at the Iberville Suites, 910 Iberville Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.

Requests to address the Committee at the meeting or written comments may be sent to: Administrator, GIPSA, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 3601, Washington, DC 20250-3601. Requests and comments may also be Faxed to (202) 205-9237.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Terri Henry, (202) 205-8281 (telephone); (202) 690-2755 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Administrator of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration with respect to the implementation of the U.S. Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*).

The agenda will include Enterprise Architecture, Process Verification, ISO evaluation, Phytosanitary Certification, New Soybean Traits, Ethanol Co-Products/DDG Standards, Outsourcing: Rice Program, and general Agency issues. For a copy of the agenda please contact Terri Henry, (202) 205-8281 (telephone); (202) 690-2755 (facsimile) or by e-mail Terri.L.Henry@usda.gov.

Public participation will be limited to written statements, unless permission is received from the Committee Chairman to orally address the Committee. The meeting will be open to the public.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication of program information or related accommodations should contact Terri Henry, at the telephone number listed above.

Dated: October 25, 2004.

Donna Reifschneider,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Request for Proposals: Section 516 Farm Labor Housing (FLH) New Construction or Repair Grants and Emergency Grants To Assist Low-Income Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers

Announcement Type: Initial Request for Proposals (RFP) inviting proposals from qualified applicants.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (CFDA): 10.405.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service announces the availability of funds and the timeframe to submit applications for grants to construct or repair Section 516 off-farm FLH. In addition, this RFP also announces an availability of funds and the timeframe to submit applications for grants to provide emergency services to assist low-income migrant and seasonal farmworkers. Both of these funding opportunities are designed to meet needs in communities that were affected by hurricanes and tropical storms in calendar year 2003 or 2004, as authorized by the Military Construction Appropriations and Emergency Hurricane Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2005, Public Law 108-324 (October 13, 2004).

DATES: The deadline for receipt of all applications in response to this RFP is 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on December 27, 2004. The application closing deadline is firm as to date and hour. The Agency will not consider any application that is received after the closing deadline. Applicants intending to mail applications must provide

sufficient time to permit delivery on or before the closing deadline. Acceptance by a post office or private mailer does not constitute delivery. Facsimile (FAX), COD, and postage due applications will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Douglas H. MacDowell, Senior Loan Specialist, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division—STOP 0781 (Room 1263-S), U.S. Department of Agriculture—Rural Housing Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0781 or by telephone at (202) 720-1627. (This is not a toll free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act

The reporting requirements contained in this notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under Control Number 0575-0045.

Overview

The Military Construction Appropriations and Emergency Hurricane Supplemental Appropriations, 2005, Public Law 108-324 (October 13, 2004), made available \$5,000,000 for the provision of low-rent housing and related facilities for domestic farm labor, as authorized by Section 516 of the Housing Act of 1949. Of this amount, up to \$3,000,000 may be used for emergency services to assist low-income migrant and seasonal farmworkers, as authorized by section 2281 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990.

Program Administration

I. Funding Opportunities Description

This RFP requests applications from eligible applicants for grants to construct or repair section 516 off-farm FLH. The Agency's Farm Labor Housing Program is authorized by the Housing Act of 1949. Grants for the construction or repair of off-farm FLH are authorized by section 516 (42 U.S.C. 1486) of the Housing Act of 1949. Agency regulations for the Farm Labor Housing Program are published at 7 CFR part 1944, subpart D. Eligibility for section 516 off-farm FLH grants is limited to broad-based nonprofit organizations, nonprofit organizations of farmworkers, federally recognized Indian tribes, agencies or political subdivisions of State or local government, and public agencies (such as housing authorities).