

affordable for all State agencies. The report highlights various procurement and pricing strategies as a way to leverage pricing and obtain economies of scale. FNS is interested in obtaining comments on these and other strategies to further foster increased competition among EBT-system vendors that would ensure cost containment and optimal service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lizbeth Silbermann, Chief, EBT Branch, Benefit Redemption Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 403, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, telephone (703) 305-2517.

Dated: December 13, 2002.

Eric M. Bost,

Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee, Grangeville, Idaho, USDA, Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests' North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, January 22, 2003 in Grangeville, Idaho for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting on January 22 begins at 10 AM, at the Super 8 Motel, 801 W.

South 1st Street, Grangeville, Idaho. Agenda topics will include discussion of potential projects. A public forum will begin at 2:30 PM (PST).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ihor Mereszczak, Staff Officer and Designated Federal Officer, at (208) 983-1950.

Dated: December 16, 2002.

Ihor Mereszczak,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Weather Radio Transmitter Grant Program

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On April 4, 2001, the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) published a Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 17857, April 4, 2001) announcing a new grant program, and the availability of grant funds under this program, to finance the installation of new transmitters to extend the coverage of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Weather Radio system (NOAA Weather Radio) in rural America. Included in the NOFA was a list of proposed NOAA Weather Radio transmitter sites that would be eligible for funding. On October 16, 2001, RUS published an updated listing of the proposed NOAA Weather Radio transmitter sites that would be eligible for funding (66 FR 52571).

The purpose of this notice is to provide an additional updated listing of the proposed NOAA Weather Radio transmitter sites. An applicant for a grant under this program may apply for a site included in this updated listing, in the listing published October 16, 2001, or in the original listing published

April 4, 2001. RUS continues to emphasize that it strongly encourages all grant applicants to consult and coordinate with the National Weather Service prior to submitting a completed application.

Further details on the application process and eligibility are available in the NOFA in the April 4, 2001, **Federal Register** (66 FR 17857) or on the RUS Web site at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/initiatives/weatherradio.htm>.

Applications for grants will be accepted until grants totaling \$5 million in appropriations have been made. A list of the approved grant applications is available on the RUS Web site at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/initiatives/weatherradio.htm>. RUS will update this list as the agency approves additional grants.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, STOP 1590, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1590, Telephone (202) 720-9554, Facsimile (202) 720-0810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Updated List

An area's need for a new NOAA Weather Radio transmitter is determined by its inherent risk of hazardous weather and the absence of adequate coverage by an existing transmitter. RUS, in consultation with the National Weather Service, has developed the attached updated list of proposed transmitter sites that will be eligible for funding under the NOFA published in the April 4, 2001, **Federal Register**.

RUS will continue to update its list from time to time and will publish updates in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 13, 2002.

Curtis M. Anderson,

Deputy Administrator, Acting as Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

NWS SITE LISTINGS

| State and site name | County name | FIPS | Latitude | Longitude |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------|--------------|-------------|
| Alabama: | | | | |
| Cullman | Cullman | 01043 | 34-10-17 N | 86-50-39 W |
| Hytop | Jackson | 01071 | 34-54-58 N | 86-05-17 W |
| Arab/Guntersville | Marshall | 01095 | 34-24-04.1 N | 86-26-27 W |
| California: | | | | |
| Catalina Island (Marine)/Avalon | Los Angeles | 06037 | 33-20-34 N | 118-19-36 W |
| Conway Summit/Bridgeport | Mono | 06051 | 38-15-21 N | 119-13-49 W |