

- Obtaining a mortgage (mortgage process, different types of mortgages)
  - Loan closing (closing process, documentation, closing costs)
  - Post-occupancy counseling (delinquency and foreclosure prevention)
  - Life as a homeowner (homeowner warranties, maintenance, and repairs)
- The Agency-selected panel will base their recommendation on the following considerations:

- Certificate of completion
- Fee (must be nominal)
- Duration
- Topics covered
- System features (chat function, bookmarks, start-stop, audio, etc.)
- Readability (level of complexity in language used)
- User Friendliness
- Bi-lingual Spanish
- Multi-lingual
- Pre/Post assessment of knowledge
- Attractiveness of site/course

Submission packages should include course background, copy of certificate of completion, price sheet, and contact information (name, phone number, and email address).

If an education provider wishes to be considered as a first or second format preference, they must express which one in their submission package, provide strong written justification, and supporting materials.

Due to the lapse in federal funding that caused a partial closing of federal government operations from October 1 through October 16, 2013, RHS is extending this notice and submission deadline for review of online homeownership education courses to December 31, 2013.

#### Non-Discrimination Statement

USDA prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, political beliefs, genetic information, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.)

To file a complaint of discrimination, complete, sign and mail a program discrimination complaint form, (available at any USDA office location or online at [www.ascr.usda.gov](http://www.ascr.usda.gov), or write to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 9410, Washington, DC 20250-9410.

Or call toll-free (866) 632-9992 (voice) to obtain additional information,

the appropriate office or to request documents. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 or (877) 845-6136 (in Spanish). "USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender."

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, etc.) should contact USDA TARTET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

Dated: November 20, 2013.

**Richard A. Davis,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### District of Columbia Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** United States Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice of period during which individuals may apply to be appointed to the District of Columbia Advisory Committee; request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** Because the terms of the members of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee are expiring as of March 21, 2014, the United States Commission on Civil Rights hereby invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed to apply. The memberships covered by this notice are exclusively for the District of Columbia Advisory Committee, and applicants must be residents of District of Columbia to be considered. Letters of interest must be received by the Eastern Regional Office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights no later than January 21, 2014. Letters of interest must be sent to the address listed below.

**DATES:** Letters of interest for membership on the District of Columbia Advisory Committee should be received no later than January 21, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Send letters of interest to: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Eastern Regional Office, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425. Letter can also be sent via email to [eroaa@usccr.gov](mailto:eroaa@usccr.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ivy Davis, Regional Director, Eastern Regional Office, (202) 376-7533, [ivadavis@usccr.gov](mailto:ivadavis@usccr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The District of Columbia Advisory Committee (SAC) is a statutorily mandated advisory committee of the

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1975a. Under the charter for the SAC, the purpose is to provide advice and recommendations to the Commission on a broad range of civil rights matters in its respective state that pertain to alleged deprivations of voting rights or discrimination or denials of equal protection of the laws because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin, or the administration of justice. SACs also provide assistance to the Commission in its statutory obligation to serve as a national clearinghouse for civil rights information.

The SAC consists of not more than 19 members, each of whom will serve a two-year term. Members serve as unpaid Special Government Employees who are reimbursed for travel and expenses. To be eligible to be on a SAC, applicants must be residents of the District of Columbia and have demonstrated expertise or interest in civil rights issues.

The Commission is an independent, bipartisan agency established by Congress in 1957 to focus on matters of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin. Its mandate is to:

- Investigate complaints from citizens that their voting rights are being deprived,
- study and collect information about discrimination or denials of equal protection under the law,
- appraise federal civil rights laws and policies,
- serve as a national clearinghouse on discrimination laws,
- submit reports and findings and recommendations to the President and the Congress, and
- issue public service announcements to discourage discrimination.

The Commission invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed a member of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee covered by this notice to send a letter of interest and a resume to the address above.

Dated: December 5, 2013.

**David Mussatt,**

*Acting Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and

Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS).

*Title:* Special Comprehensive License.

*OMB Control Number:* 0694-0089.

*Form Number(s):* BIS-752P, BIS-752A.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission (extension of a currently approved information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 64.

*Average Hours per Response:* 30 minutes to 40 hours.

*Burden Hours:* 542.

*Needs and Uses:* The Special Comprehensive License (SCL) procedure authorizes multiple shipments of items from the U.S. or from approved consignees abroad who are approved in advance by the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) to conduct the following activities: Servicing, support services, stocking spare parts, maintenance, capital expansion, manufacturing, support scientific data acquisition, reselling and reexporting in the form received, and other activities as approved on a case-by-case basis. An application for an SCL requires submission of additional supporting documentation, such as the company's internal control program. This additional information is needed by BIS to ensure that the requirements and the restrictions of this procedure are strictly observed.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain benefits.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, (202) 482-0336, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [JJessup@doc.gov](mailto:JJessup@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jasmeet Seehra, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), by email to [Jasmeet.K.Seehra@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Jasmeet.K.Seehra@omb.eop.gov), or by fax to (202) 395-5167.

Dated: December 5, 2013.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Economic Development Administration

#### Announcement of Federal Interagency Competition, Fiscal Year 2014 Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**Authority:** The Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3121 et seq.)

**SUMMARY:** This notice outlines a competition to designate up to 12 communities as manufacturing communities (Manufacturing Communities) through the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP), including proposal submission requirements and instructions, and eligibility and selection criteria that will be used to evaluate proposals. Manufacturing Communities will receive preference for a range of future Federal economic development funding and technical assistance offered by IMCP participating agencies. Some Manufacturing Communities, as discussed in the Supplementary Information section of this notice and subject to the availability of funds, may receive financial assistance awards from IMCP participating agencies to assist in cultivating an environment for businesses to create well-paying manufacturing jobs in regions across the country.

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of applications is 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on March 14, 2014. Applications received after this deadline will not be reviewed or considered. Applications will be accepted in electronic form. Applicants are advised to carefully read the application and submission information provided in the Supplementary Information section of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit applications by any of the following methods. All comments must include the title, "Proposals for designation as a Manufacturing Community" and Docket No. 131121981-3981.

*Email:* [IMCP@eda.gov](mailto:IMCP@eda.gov). Include "Proposals for designation as a Manufacturing Community" and Docket No. 131121981-3981 in the subject line of the message.

*Fax:* (202) 482-2838, Attention: Office of Performance and National Programs.

Please indicate "Proposals for designation as a Manufacturing

Community" and Docket No. 131121981-3981 on the cover page.

*Mail:* Economic Development Administration, Office of Performance and National Programs, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Suite 71030, Washington, DC 20230. Please indicate "Proposals for designation as a Manufacturing Community" and Docket No. 131121981-3981 on the envelope.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ryan Hedgepeth, U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Suite 78006, Washington, DC 20230 or via email at [rhedgepeth@eda.gov](mailto:rhedgepeth@eda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Overview

The Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) is a new government-wide initiative that will help communities cultivate an environment for businesses to create well-paying manufacturing jobs in regions across the country and thereby accelerate the resurgence of manufacturing. The IMCP is designed to reward communities that demonstrate best practices in attracting and expanding manufacturing by bringing together key local stakeholders and using long-term planning that integrates targeted investments across a community's industrial ecosystem to create broad-based prosperity. Research has shown that vibrant ecosystems may create a virtuous cycle of development for a key technology or supply chain through integrated investments and relationships among the following elements:

- Workforce and training;
  - Supplier network;
  - Research and innovation;
  - Infrastructure/site development;
  - Trade and international investment;
- and
- Operational improvement and capital access.

Interactions within and between these elements create "public goods," or assets upon which many firms can draw and that are fundamental in creating an advantage for industry but are not adequately provided by the private sector. Thus, well-designed public investment is a key part of developing a self-sustaining ecosystem that attracts private investment from new and existing manufacturers and leads to broad-based prosperity.

Designation as an IMCP manufacturing community (each a Manufacturing Community, and collectively the Manufacturing