

Under Approach 1, APHIS announces in the **Federal Register** the availability of APHIS' preliminary regulatory determination along with its EA, preliminary finding of no significant impact (FONSI), and its plant pest risk assessment (PPRA) for a 30-day public review period. APHIS will evaluate any information received related to the petition and its supporting documents during the 30-day public review period.

If APHIS decides, based on its review of the petition and its evaluation and analysis of comments received during the 60-day public comment period on the petition, that the petition involves a GE organism that raises substantive new issues, APHIS will follow Approach 2. Under Approach 2, APHIS first solicits written comments from the public on a draft EA and preliminary PPRA for a 30-day comment period through the publication of a **Federal Register** notice. Then, after reviewing and evaluating the comments on the draft EA and preliminary PPRA and other information, APHIS will revise the PPRA as necessary and prepare a final EA and, based on the final EA, a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decision document (either a FONSI or a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement). For this petition, we are using Approach 2.

As part of our decisionmaking process regarding a GE organism's regulatory status, APHIS prepares a PPRA to assess the plant pest risk of the article. APHIS also prepares the appropriate environmental documentation—either an EA or an environmental impact statement—in accordance with NEPA, to provide the Agency and the public with a review and analysis of any potential environmental impacts that may result if the petition request is approved.

APHIS has prepared a preliminary PPRA and has concluded that maize designated as event MON 87411, which has been genetically engineered for protection against corn rootworm and resistance to the herbicide glyphosate, is unlikely to pose a plant pest risk. In section 403 of the Plant Protection Act, "plant pest" is defined as any living stage of any of the following that can directly or indirectly injure, cause damage to, or cause disease in any plant or plant product: A protozoan, a nonhuman animal, a parasitic plant, a bacterium, a fungus, a virus or viroid, an infectious agent or other pathogen, or any article similar to or allied with any of the foregoing.

APHIS has also prepared a draft EA in which we present two alternatives based on our analysis of data submitted by

Monsanto, a review of other scientific data, field tests conducted under APHIS oversight, and comments received on the petition. APHIS is considering the following alternatives: (1) Take no action, *i.e.*, APHIS would not change the regulatory status of maize designated as event MON 87411, or (2) make a determination of nonregulated status of maize designated as event MON 87411.

The EA was prepared in accordance with (1) NEPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

In accordance with our process for soliciting public input when considering petitions for determinations of nonregulated status for GE organisms, we are publishing this notice to inform the public that APHIS will accept written comments on our draft EA and our preliminary PPRA regarding the petition for a determination of nonregulated status from interested or affected persons for a period of 30 days from the date of this notice. Copies of the draft EA and the preliminary PPRA, as well as the previously published petition, are available as indicated under **ADDRESSES** and **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** above.

After the comment period closes, APHIS will review all written comments received during the comment period and any other relevant information. After reviewing and evaluating the comments on the draft EA and the preliminary PPRA and other information, APHIS will revise the PPRA as necessary and prepare a final EA. Based on the final EA, APHIS will prepare a NEPA decision document (either a FONSI or a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement). If a FONSI is reached, APHIS will furnish a response to the petitioner, either approving or denying the petition. APHIS will also publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the regulatory status of the GE organism and the availability of APHIS' final EA, PPRA, FONSI, and our regulatory determination.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 7701–7772 and 7781–7786; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of May 2015.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse Database Forms FNS 543 and FNS 543–A**

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection. This is a revision of a currently approved collection for the purpose of collecting information from organizations fighting hunger and poverty.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before July 31, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to: Tony Craddock, Jr., Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 941, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via email to Tony Craddock, Jr. at [tony.craddock@fns.usda.gov](mailto:tony.craddock@fns.usda.gov). Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically. Comments will also be accepted through the

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All written comments will be available for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service located at 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 941, Alexandria, Virginia 22302 during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday).

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Tony Craddock, Jr. at 703-605-0037.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse Database Forms.

*Form Number:* FNS-543 and FNS 543-A.

*OMB Number:* 0584-0474.

*Expiration Date:* 09/30/2015.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Section 26 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769g) (the Act), which was added to the Act by section 123 of Public Law 103-448 on November 2, 1994, mandated that FNS enter into a contract with a non-governmental organization to establish and maintain an information clearinghouse (named "USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse" or "Clearinghouse") for groups that assist low-income individuals or communities regarding

nutrition assistance programs or other assistance. Section 26(d) of this Act was amended again by Public Law 113-79 on February 7, 2014, to extend funding for the Clearinghouse through fiscal year 2015 for \$250,000. FNS awarded this contract to the hunger advocacy organization New York City Coalition Against Hunger (NYCCA) on October 1, 2014.

The Clearinghouse includes a database of non-governmental, grassroots organizations in the areas of hunger and nutrition, along with a mailing list to communicate with these organizations. These organizations enter their information into the database, and Clearinghouse staff use that information to provide the public with information about where they can get food assistance. The database form (FNS-543) will be completed online at [www.nhc.fns.usda.gov](http://www.nhc.fns.usda.gov) and physical versions of the form can still be completed and emailed to [tony.craddock@fns.usda.gov](mailto:tony.craddock@fns.usda.gov). State agencies use the FNS-543A form to voluntarily collect information about summer meal sites. The FNS-543A collects site name, location and operating details such as dates and times of the day that the site is in operation. FNS-543A is part of the information collection because summer meal site information is part of the National Hunger Clearinghouse.

*Affected Public:* Business or Other For-Profits, and Not For Profit (FNS 543) and State Agencies (FNS 543-A). Respondent group types for FNS-543 are identified as Food banks. Most of these groups are organizations providing nutrition assistance services to the public. Respondent groups identified for

FNS-543A include all 55 State Agencies.

As of February 2015, there were 6,011 registered organizations in the National Hunger Clearinghouse. FNS estimates approximately 600 new business registrants annually. Each respondent is expected to only participate in one survey per registration.

**Reporting Burden for FNS-543**

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 600.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 600.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 5 minutes (0.0833 hours).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 49.98 hours rounded up to 50 hours.

**Reporting Burden for FNS-543-A.**

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 55.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 55.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1.05 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 57.75 hours rounded up to 58 hours.

The total reporting burden for this information collection is 108 total annual burden hours and 655 total annual responses.

See the table below for estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent and each FNS form.

**FNS-543**

Respondent	Estimated number of respondents	Responses annually per respondent	Total annual responses	Estimated average number of hours per response	Estimated total hours
<b>Business Reporting Burden</b>					
Food Banks .....	300	1	300	0.0833	24.99
Business and Other For Profit .....	100	1	100	0.0833	8.33
Not For Profit .....	200	1	200	0.0833	16.66
<b>Total Reporting Burden .....</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>49.98</b>

**FNS-543A**

Respondent	Estimated number of respondents	Responses annually per respondent	Total annual responses	Estimated average number of hours per response	Estimated total hours
<b>State Agencies Reporting Burden</b>					
State agencies .....	55	1	55	1.05	57.75

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Respondent	Estimated number of respondents	Responses annually per respondent	Total annual responses	Estimated average number of hours per response	Estimated total hours
Total Reporting Burden .....	55	.....	55	.....	57.75

Dated: May 19, 2015.  
**Jeffrey J. Tribiano,**  
*Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.*  
 Attached:

Appendix A: USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse Database Form FNS543 (paper)  
 Appendix B: USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse Database Form

FNS543 (online)  
 Appendix C: USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse Database Form FNS543-A  
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## Appendix A: USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse Database Form FNS 543 (paper)

**USDA NATIONAL HUNGER CLEARINGHOUSE DATABASE FORM**

Facilitating the exchange of information, resources and ideas  
among organizations fighting hunger and poverty.

OMB Number 0584-0474  
Expiration Date: XX/XX/XXXX

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average five minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed and completing and reviewing the collection of information. **An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.** Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information including suggestions for reducing burden to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition services, Office of Research, Nutrition and Analysis, Room 1014, (0584-0474), Alexandria, VA 22302. Do not return completed form to this address.

The following information will be added to the USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse Database, an online resource that provides information about food assistance to the public. Please complete this form and return it to the New York City Coalition Against Hunger (NYCCAHA)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ext: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive our monthly e-newsletter?  Yes  No

**Organizational Information:****How would you classify your organization? (select all that apply)**

- |                                          |                                                  |                                    |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy        | <input type="checkbox"/> Education Institution   | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coalition       | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Food Provider | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Funder                  |                                    |

**What is your organization's target population? (select all that apply)**

- |                                              |                                          |                                      |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Families            | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrants      | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless/Unemployed | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizens | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

**Where does your organization provide services?**

- |                                              |                                                 |                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business            | <input type="checkbox"/> Extension Service      | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious institution    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Center   | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm                   | <input type="checkbox"/> School                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College University  | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Facility   | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen Center    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center    | <input type="checkbox"/> Home/Residence         | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Correction Facility | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Offices | <input type="checkbox"/> Soup Kitchen/Food Pantry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Detention Facility  | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing         |                                                   |

**What area does your organization serve?**

- |                                       |                                   |                                   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> County       | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional | <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National     | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural    | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood | <input type="checkbox"/> State    |                                   |

USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse - part of New York City Coalition Against Hunger's (NYCCAHA) Grassroots Action Network  
50 Broad Street, Suite 1520  
New York, NY 10004  
Tel: 212-825-0028  
Fax: 212-825-0267  
[clearinghouse@nyccah.org](mailto:clearinghouse@nyccah.org)

**Agency Services**  
*(Please Mark All That Apply)*

**Children Service:**

- After School
- Day Care/Childcare
- Foster Care/Childcare
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Counseling:**

- Case Management
- Crisis Hotline
- Domestic Violence
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Family Support
- Individual
- Referral Services
- Sexual Assault
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Education:**

- ESL
- Head Start
- Nutrition Education
- Prison Re-entry Program
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Food Assistance:**

- Community Support Agriculture
- Farmer's Markets (EBT)
- Food Bank
- Food Delivery
- Food Pantry
- Kids Café
- Meals On Wheels
- Soup Kitchens
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Government Programs:**

- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- CSFP
- Earned Income Tax Credit
- Farmer's Market Nutrition Program
- FEMA/Disaster Relief
- Home Emergency Relief
- Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program
- SNAP
- Summer Food Service Program
- TANF
- TEFAP
- WIC
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Health Care:**

- Health Clinic
- Prescription Assistance
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Homeless Services**

- Drop In Center
- Emergency Shelter
- Halfway Home
- Transitional Housing
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Housing:**

- Appliances/Furniture
- Home Repairs
- Rent Subsidy
- Utilities Assistance
- Weatherization
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Jobs:**

- Career Counseling
- Job Placement
- Job Readiness
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Services:**

- Clothes
- Hunger Hotline
- Thrift Store

Do you do perform advocacy work? If so, please indicate what kind

Do you provide transportation services?  Yes  No

Do you accept food donations?  Yes  No

Do you provide seasonal services? (i.e. Christmas baskets)  Yes  No

Mission Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Please write or attach a description of your organization's background and programs\*\*\***

**Contact Information**

The following information is for internal use only. Please provide the contact information for the point of contact for the New York City Coalition Against Hunger to provide periodic updates of the organizational information above.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ext: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Appendix B: USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse Database Form FNS 543 (online)

## USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse Form

Print

The following information will be added to the USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse Database, an online resource that provides information about food assistance to the public.

Date

04/24/2015

E.g., 04/24/2015

Organization Name\*

Physical Address:

Country

United States

Address 1\*\*

Address 2

City\*\*

State\*\*

- Select -

ZIP code\*\*

Phone

Ext

Fax

Hours of Service

Website

Email

Would you like to receive our monthly e-newsletter?\*

- No  
 Yes

How would you classify your organization? (select all that apply)

- Advocacy  
 Coalition  
 Direct Services  
 Education Institution  
 Emergency Food Provider  
 Funder  
 Labor  
 Religious

What is your organization's target population? (select all that apply)

- Families
- Homeless/Unemployed
- Immigrants
- Senior Citizens
- Youth

Other

Where does your organization provide services? (select all that apply)

- Business
- Child Care Center
- College/University
- Community Center
- Correction Facility
- Detention Facility
- Extension Service
- Farm
- Health Care Facility
- Home/Residence
- Microfinance
- Networking
- Organizational Offices
- Public Housing
- Religious Institution
- School
- Senior Citizen Center
- Shelter
- Soup Kitchen/Food Pantry

What area does your organization serve? (select all that apply)

- County
- National
- Neighborhood
- Regional
- Rural
- State
- Suburban
- Urban

Children Service: (select all that apply)

- After School
- Day Care/Childcare
- Foster Care/Childcare

Other

## Counseling: (select all that apply)

- Case Management
- Crisis Hotline
- Domestic Violence
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Family Support
- Individual
- Referral Services
- Sexual Assault

Other

## Education: (select all that apply)

- ESL
- Head Start
- Nutrition Education
- Prison Re-entry Program

Other

## Food Assistance: (select all that apply)

- Community Support Agriculture
- Farmer's Markets (EBT)
- Food Bank
- Food Delivery
- Food Pantry
- Kids Cafe
- Meals On Wheels
- Soup Kitchens

Other

## Government Programs: (select all that apply)

- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- CSFP
- Earned Income Tax Credit
- Farmer's Market Nutrition Program
- FEMA/Disaster Relief
- Home Emergency Relief
- Senior Farmers Mkt Nutrition
- SNAP (formerly known as "Food Stamps")
- Summer Food Service Program
- TANF
- TEFAP
- WIC

Other



Health Care: (select all that apply)

- Health Clinic
- Prescription Assistance

Other

Homeless Services: (select all that apply)

- Drop In Center
- Emergency Shelter
- Halfway Home
- Transitional Housing

Other

Housing: (select all that apply)

- Appliances/Furniture
- Home Repairs
- Rent Subsidy
- Utilities Assistance
- Weatherization

Other

Jobs: (select all that apply)

- Career Counseling
- Job Placement
- Job Readiness

Other

Other Services: (select all that apply)

- Clothes
- Hunger Hotline
- Thrift Store

Do you do advocacy work? If so, please indicate what kind

maximum: 255 characters

Do you provide transportation services? \*

- No
- Yes

Do you accept food donations? \*\*

- No
- Yes

Do you provide seasonal services? (i.e. Christmas baskets) \*\*

- No
- Yes

Mission Statement:

▼ Contact Information:

The following information is for internal use only. Please provide the contact information for your organization's point of contact. The New York City Coalition Against Hunger (NYCCAH) will provide periodic updates on food assistance resources.

First Name \*

Middle Initial

Last Name \*

Title

Phone \*

Ext

Mobile Phone

Fax

Email \*

▼ Contact's Address:

Country

Address 1 \*

Address 2

City \*  State \*

ZIP code \*



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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Rural Business-Cooperative Service****Rural Housing Service****Rural Utilities Service****Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) for the Strategic Economic and Community Development Programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015**

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Housing Service, and Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Section 6025 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill) enables the Secretary of Agriculture to provide priority to projects that support Strategic Economic and Community Development plans. This Notice invites applicants who have submitted or will be submitting applications for the programs (referred to as “underlying programs”) in Fiscal Year 2015.

For FY 2015, projects eligible for Section 6025 priority points will compete one time with all other projects eligible for the applicable underlying program’s year-end pool of funds. These priority points are not eligible to projects competing for FY 2015 funding prior to the program’s year-end pool of funds competition.

All applicants are responsible for any additional expenses incurred in preparing and submitting Form RD 1980-88.

**DATES:** To apply for Section 6025 priority points, applicants must submit Form RD 1980-88, “Strategic Economic and Community Development (section 6025) Priority,” by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 31, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit Form RD 1980-88 to the USDA Rural Development Area Office servicing the area where the project is located. A list of the USDA Rural Development Area Offices can be found listed by state at: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact the USDA Rural Development Area Office servicing the area where the project will be located.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Overview**

*Solicitation Title:* Strategic Economic and Community Development.

*Announcement Type:* Notice.  
*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:* 10.351, 10.760, 10.766 and 10.768.

All active CFDA programs can be found at [www.cfda.gov](http://www.cfda.gov).

*Dates:* For the list of dates please refer back to the summary section above.

*Availability of Notice:* This Notice is available through the USDA Rural Development Web site at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/offices/community-economic-development>.

**I. Funding Opportunity Description****A. Purpose**

The purpose of Section 6025 of the 2014 Farm Bill is to give priority to projects that support strategic economic development or community development plans when applying for funds through the underlying programs. This Notice provides applicants with eligible projects the opportunity to receive additional priority when competing for one of the underlying program’s year-end pool of funds for Fiscal Year 2015.

**B. Statutory Authority**

This priority is authorized under Section 6025 of the 2014 Farm Bill.

**C. Programs**

Based on Section 6025 of the 2014 Farm Bill, the Agency is making available additional priority points for projects that support strategic economic or community development plans to the following Rural Development programs:

- Community Facility Loans
- Fire and Rescue and Other Small Community Facilities Projects
- Community Facilities Grants
- Community Programs Guaranteed Loans
- Water and Waste Disposal Programs Guaranteed Loans
- Water and Waste Loans and Grants
- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans
- Rural Business Development Grants

**II. Award Information**

*Type of Awards:* Guaranteed loans, direct loans and Grants.

*Fiscal Year Funds:* FY 2015; year-end pools of funds only.

*Available Funds:* The amount of funds available will depend on the amount of funds available at the time of year-end pooling and will vary among the underlying programs.

*Award Amounts:* Guaranteed loans, direct loans and grants will be awarded in amounts consistent with each applicable underlying program.

*Award Dates:* Awards will be made on or before September 30, 2015.

**III. Eligibility Information****A. Eligible Requirements**

In order to be considered for Section 6025 priority points, both the applicant and project must meet the eligibility requirements of the underlying program. These requirements vary among the underlying programs and the applicant is referred to the regulations for those programs.

The regulation implementing the Section 6025 priority does not make any changes to any of the applicant eligibility requirements of the underlying programs. However, the Section 6025 regulation does include three criteria that a project must meet in order to be considered for Section 6025 priority points (see 7 CFR 1980.1010).

The first criterion, as noted above, is that the project meets the applicable eligibility requirements of the underlying program for which the applicant is applying.

The second criterion is that the project is “carried out solely in a rural area” as defined in 7 CFR 1980.1005. As defined, this means either the entire project is physically located in a rural area or all of the beneficiaries of the service(s) provided through the project must either reside in or be located in a rural area. Note that the definition of “rural” varies among the underlying programs and the Section 6025 regulation does not change those definitions.

The third criterion is that the project support the implementation of a strategic economic development or community development plan on a multi-jurisdictional basis as defined in 7 CFR 1980.1005.

**B. Cost Sharing or Matching**

Any and all cost sharing, matching, and cost participation requirements of the applicable underlying program apply to projects seeking Section 6025 priority points. The Section 6025 regulation does not change such requirements.

**C. Other Eligibility Requirements**

Any and all other eligibility requirements (beyond those identified in III.A of this Notice) found in the underlying programs apply to applicants, their projects, and the beneficiaries of those projects are unchanged by either this Notice or the Section 6025 regulation.

**IV. Form RD 1980-88****A. Address To Request Form RD 1980-88**

Applicants responding to this Notice should contact the Rural Development