

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Rural Business Cooperative Service**

[Docket No. RBS-26-BUSINESS-0463]

**Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Agriculture Innovation Center Demonstration (AIC) Program 2026**

**AGENCY:** Rural Business Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of funding opportunity.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBCS or the Agency), a Rural Development (RD) agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing the acceptance of Applications for the Agriculture Innovation Center Demonstration (AIC) Program for fiscal year (FY) 2026. In future years this funding opportunity will only be announced on the Agency website and *grants.gov*, without a **Federal Register** notice. Therefore, in future years, neither the funding opportunity nor reference to the funding opportunity in *grants.gov* will appear in the **Federal Register**. Please make note of this change in location of the funding announcement in your records.

**DATES:** September 10, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Full funding notice is available on *grants.gov*. Program guidance is available at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The full text of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is available on the Agency website and on *grants.gov* using Funding Opportunity Number RBCS-2026-AIC or Assistance Listing Number 10.377.

(Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1632b)

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Census Bureau**

[Docket Number: 260820-0003; RTID 0607-XC086]

**Annual Survey of State Government Tax Collections**

**AGENCY:** Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of determination.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) has ceased collection and production of the Annual Survey of State Government Tax Collections (STC). The Census Bureau has redirected its resources to prioritize the Annual Survey of State Government Finances (ASFIN) and the Quarterly Summary of State & Local Tax Revenue (QTAX). State government tax data previously produced through STC will continue to be made available through ASFIN and QTAX. The survey 2025 data release on April 15, 2026, was the final release.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Census Bureau produces state government tax estimates via three programs: the Annual Survey of State Tax Collections, the Annual Survey of State Government Finances, and the Quarterly Summary of State & Local Tax Revenue. The data from these surveys serves a wide variety of data users and meets a wide variety of needs from federal agencies to researchers and academia. The Census Bureau is focused on removing redundancies with the sunset of the Annual Survey of State Tax Collections and focusing on data quality of the remaining two programs.

The Annual Survey of State Tax Collections was collected under the authority of Title 13 U.S.C. 182. Section 182 authorizes surveys when “deemed necessary to furnish annual or other interim current data on the subjects covered by the censuses provided for in this title.” Therefore, surveys collected under Section 182 are discretionary, and no current regulations require this survey. Because the Census Bureau can produce estimates of the same quality and content without imposing an additional survey burden, the Annual Survey of State Tax Collections is no longer “necessary to furnish annual or other interim current data” on state taxes.

Determining to eliminate a survey is always a difficult task since there are

users of all the data. The Census Bureau has made every effort to determine how data would be impacted and will be mitigating impacts through the programs still produced.

All state tax estimates (5 broad tax categories and up to 25 tax subcategories) currently produced as a part of the Annual Survey of State Tax Collections will still be published as a part of the larger Annual Survey of State Government Finances with no change to current structure. However, this data will be published approximately 9 months later than the traditional STC release, due to the longer processing time for the Annual Survey of State Government Finances. Due to this timing, the Census Bureau will also start producing annualized state government tax estimates as a part of the Quarterly Summary of State & Local Tax Revenue in 2027. These estimates will be produced approximately 1–4 months earlier than currently produced from the Annual Survey of State Tax Collections and will be created to follow the same fiscal year reporting covered by the sunset program and used as input into state government finance data processing. With this change, all annual tax estimates will be retained and released to the public sooner with a reduction in respondent burden exemplifying the commitment of the Census Bureau to identifying efficiencies while continuing to produce quality data that highlights the public sector.

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Dated: September 3, 2026.

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*Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Director of the Census Bureau.*

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