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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[Docket #: RBS–26–NONE–0562]

Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Strengthening Processing for US Ranchers (SPUR) Guaranteed Loan Program for Fiscal Year 2027 and Guarantee Fee Rates/Loan Guarantee Percentage and Fee for Issuance of Loan Note Guarantee Prior to Construction Completion

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS or Agency), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development mission area (RD) announces the acceptance of guaranteed loan applications under the Strengthening Processing for US Ranchers (SPUR) Guaranteed Loan Program. This notice provides applicants with the Guarantee Fee rates, Loan Guarantee percentage, the Periodic Retention Fee, and Fee for Issuance of the Loan Note Guarantee Prior to Construction Completion for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027, to be used when applying for guaranteed loans under the SPUR Guaranteed Loan Program. Should the fees need to be adjusted, the Agency will publish a subsequent notice in the **Federal Register**. These guaranteed funds will be made available to eligible lenders to make loans to eligible borrowers seeking to support a range of activities to increase and diversify the processing capacity of American Meat, Poultry, and Seafood. USDA is also

making funding available for technical assistance through providers who are experts in the fields of meat, poultry, and seafood processing, and business planning.

DATES: Completed applications may be submitted beginning October 27, 2026. Applications will be accepted until funds are exhausted. The fees in this notice are effective October 1, 2027.

ADDRESSES: Full funding notice is available on Rural Development’s website. Program guidance and application forms may be obtained at www.rd.usda.gov. Entities wishing to apply for assistance may download the application documents and requirements delineated in this notice from: rd.usda.gov/onerdguarantee. Applications will only be accepted electronically.

Applicants are encouraged to contact their respective RD State Office for an email contact to submit an electronic application. A list of the USDA RD State Office contacts can be found at: rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information specific to this notice contact Brian Wiles, Director of the Program Processing Division, Rural Business Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Stop 3201, Washington, DC 20250, brian.wiles@usda.gov or 202–720–4053.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The full text of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is available on the Agency website.

Section 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act (Pub. L. 117–2) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to “ . . . make loans and grants and provide other assistance to maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency.” Given this authority, and appropriation provided for this purpose in Section 1001, Paragraph (a), at least \$5 billion in loan level is being made available for the SPUR Guaranteed Loan Program beginning in FY 2027. SPUR is designed and implemented in a manner similar to the Business and

Industry (B&I) Guaranteed loan program with minor changes to meet the needs of the American beef industry and ranchers, and guaranteed loans made under this program are administered under 7 CFR part 5001 (OneRD Guaranteed Loan Program), as amended or supplemented by the NOFO.

The primary purpose of SPUR is to support the American Meat, Poultry, and Seafood Processing Industries by increasing processing capacity and promoting more competition in the sector, which is particularly vulnerable to disruption, consolidation, and concentration. SPUR funds will help the American protein processing industries diversify the Meat, Poultry, and Seafood supply chains and open local market opportunities. The intent is to diversify processing with value-added streams of business to increase resiliency and sustainability.

SPUR will provide financial assistance through loan guarantees designed to facilitate access to affordable capital through lenders providing loans to entities seeking to establish, reopen, retrofit, expand, or improve a Meat, Poultry, or Seafood Processing facility in America’s rural or urban areas, as there are no geographic restrictions for the program.

As set forth in 7 CFR part 5001, the Agency is authorized to charge a guarantee fee, a periodic guarantee retention fee, a fee for the issuance of the loan note guarantee prior to construction completion and establish a loan guarantee percentage for guaranteed loans made under this rule. The guaranteed loan guarantee fee, annual guarantee service fee, and fee for the issuance of the Loan Note Guarantee prior to completion of construction will correspond to the fees in effect for the Business & Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program under OneRD. The lender must hold a minimum of 10 percent of the total loan amount. Pursuant to this and other applicable authority, and subject to the current appropriated authority, the Agency is establishing the following for FY 2027:

Loan type	Guarantee fee	Periodic guarantee retention fee	Loan guarantee percentage	Fee for issuance of loan note guarantee prior to construction completion
SPUR	3%	0.55%	90	0.5%

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Notice of Publication of U.S. Resources Management Industry Listing and Opportunity To Apply for the Listing

AGENCY: International Trade
Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The International Trade Administration (ITA) announces the launch of the U.S. Resources Management Industry Listing (RMIL), or “industry listing.” The RMIL is intended to identify U.S. companies operating in water and wastewater treatment; waste management and recycling, including critical minerals recycling; air quality measuring, monitoring and control; monitoring and instrumentation; weather and forecasting; and other resources management sectors for informational, engagement, and policy support purposes. The RMIL will provide a platform for U.S. companies to market their products and services, raising their visibility with international buyers seeking to purchase U.S. resources management solutions. The RMIL supports ITA’s efforts to promote American technologies and services to overseas partners and position U.S. companies to compete for international project opportunities. Eligible companies may now apply to be listed in the RMIL. The industry listing will be published online and will be maintained by the International Trade Administration’s Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.

DATES: Applications to be listed in the RMIL are now being accepted. To be included in the initial launch, companies should submit a complete application by December 11, 2026. Applications received after that date will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

ITA anticipates launching the RMIL in February 2027 and will thereafter update the listing and add new industry profiles on a rolling basis. Only companies that submit complete applications will be considered for the listing.

ADDRESSES: Additional information and the application form are available at <https://www.trade.gov/us-resources->

management-industry-listing-application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Natural Resources Team, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries, International Trade Administration; email: envirotech@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RMIL will include manufacturers and service providers across the water and wastewater treatment, waste management and recycling, air quality measurement, monitoring and control, monitoring and instrumentation, weather and forecasting, and other resources management sectors. Together, these industries provide essential equipment, machinery, components, and services that support the buildout of critical infrastructure and enable efficient, safe, and reliable manufacturing operations. The industry provides vital support to manufacturing sectors central to U.S. economic and national security, including water purification for semiconductor manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, food and beverage, and other industrial facilities; water efficiency and water reuse technologies for data centers; recycling equipment and processes for critical minerals recovery; and industrial air purification equipment for power and heavy manufacturing. The industry contributes approximately \$37 billion in U.S. goods and services exports annually and supports approximately 1.9 million American jobs.

To promote the competitiveness of the U.S. exports and U.S. companies engaged in these sectors, the International Trade Administration is developing an industry listing that catalogs eligible firms providing resources management technologies and services. The listing aims to improve U.S. companies’ visibility with potential foreign partners, generate business opportunities, and advance U.S. technological leadership. Listing benefits will range from showcasing a company’s unique solutions, improving visibility to foreign buyers and investors through a free and publicly accessible resource, identifying prospective business partners, and deepening engagement with ITA and other U.S. federal government agencies.

Eligible companies include U.S. entities involved in the design, engineering, manufacturing, construction, operation, maintenance, or support of resources management solutions across the below sectors:

- Water and wastewater treatment;
- Waste management and recycling, including critical minerals recycling;

- Air quality measurement, monitoring and control;
- Monitoring and instrumentation;
- Weather and forecasting; and
- Other resources management sectors.

Applicants will be required to certify their sector(s) of coverage in the application form to demonstrate their qualifications for listing in the RMIL.

Note: The RMIL is intended to be a resource for U.S. exporters, manufacturers, and service providers. This listing is not comprehensive. Appearing in the RMIL does not imply endorsement or certification by the U.S. Government. The RMIL is not intended for U.S. Government procurement purposes. ITA strongly recommends RMIL users to perform their own due diligence investigation and background research on any company in the RMIL. ITA assumes no responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of the providers listed. ITA reserves the right not to list any particular company.

Selection Criteria

Eligible U.S. companies will be asked to make the following certifications in the application form in order to qualify for entry in the RMIL:

1. The company seeking listing is not majority-owned or controlled by a foreign government entity or foreign government entities;

2. The company seeking listing offers U.S. goods or services relevant to the resources management sector including water and wastewater treatment, waste management and recycling, air quality monitoring and control, monitoring and instrumentation, weather and forecasting, and other resources management sectors;

3. The goods or services of the company seeking listing are of U.S. origin or have at least 51% U.S. content by value;

4. The export of the goods, software, technology, and/or services of the company seeking listing would be undertaken in compliance with U.S. export control laws and regulations, including those administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Bureau of Industry and Security, and U.S. sanctions laws and regulations, including those maintained by the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC);

5. Neither the company seeking listing nor any of its subsidiaries or affiliates are currently listed on any OFAC Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list or other sanctions list maintained by the U.S. Government;

6. Neither the company seeking listing nor any of its subsidiaries or affiliates have been charged with, or convicted of, any civil or criminal violations of U.S.