

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Rural Utilities Service****Announcement of Grant Awards Under the RUS Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program****AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of applications selected to receive grant awards.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) hereby announces the recipients that were selected to receive grant awards during fiscal year (FY) 2003 under the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marilyn J. Morgan, Branch Chief, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service. Telephone: (202) 720-0413, Fax (202) 720-1051. The list of awards may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to 7 CFR 1703.101, RUS hereby publishes the names of the 84 organizations that have been awarded \$32.5 million in grants under 7 CFR 1703, subpart D, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program. The recipients are as follows:

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State/Organization	Amount
Alaska:	
Denali Borough School District .....	\$500,000
Kake City School District .....	490,000
Pribilof School District .....	500,000
Southeast Island School District .....	485,732
Yukon-Koyukuk School District .....	500,000
Arizona:	
Arizona Western College .....	487,978
Tuba City Regional Health Care .....	191,500
Arkansas:	
Arkansas School for Mathematics & Sciences .....	425,820
Parkers Chapel School District .....	354,850
California:	
Monterey County Office of Education .....	321,555
Oro Grande School District ...	500,000

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State/Organization	Amount
Colorado: Haxtun/Holyoke Distance Learning Consortium ...	145,914
Florida:	
Accelerated Care .....	237,975
Human Services Associates, Inc. ....	239,326
Georgia:	
Darton College—Instructional Technology and Distance Learning .....	62,000
Southwest Georgia Regional Services Agency .....	499,515
Hawaii: Molokai Ohana Health Care, Inc. ....	283,500
Idaho:	
Idaho State University (Media/Distance Learning Center) .....	403,500
Lemhi County Economic Development Corporation .....	82,866
Illinois: Southern Illinois College Common Market .....	388,700
Indiana: Wilson Education Center .....	500,000
Iowa: Mercy Medical Center .....	287,362
Kansas:	
Unified School District #364 .....	442,860
Unified School District #442 .....	456,239
Kentucky: Pikeville College .....	74,661
Louisiana: Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of LaSalle, Louisiana .....	262,000
Maine:	
Eastern Maine Healthcare .....	500,000
Regional Medical Center at Lubec .....	221,620
St. Joseph Healthcare Foundation .....	500,000
Maryland: Sheppard Pratt Health System, Inc. ....	239,482
Massachusetts: Hampshire Educational Collaborative .....	210,101
Michigan:	
Borgess Health Alliance, Inc. Cybernet Medical Corporation .....	369,121
MidMichigan Health Services .....	496,588
Wexford-Missaukee Intermediate School District .....	334,462
Minnesota:	
Lakewood Health System .....	354,005
St. Joseph Medical Center .....	494,115
Missouri: Lafayette Regional Health Center .....	472,239
Mississippi:	
Jackson County School District .....	89,928
Newton County School District .....	500,000
South Central Mississippi Consortium for Educational Excellence and Development .....	500,000
Montana: Benefis Healthcare Foundation .....	500,000
Nebraska: Educational Service Unit #5 .....	404,086
	153,300

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State/Organization	Amount
New Hampshire: Timberlane Regional School District .....	499,996
New Mexico: University of New Mexico—Gallup .....	478,555
New York: Madison-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services .....	500,000
Moses-Ludington Hospital .....	499,800
St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES .....	500,000
North Carolina: The University of North Carolina Center for Public Television .....	345,733
Ohio: Adams County Hospital ..	446,142
Oklahoma:	
Alva Hospital Authority dba Share Medical Center .....	484,296
Caddo Kiowa Technology Center .....	498,735
Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority .....	166,950
Guymon Public Schools .....	476,424
Western Oklahoma State College .....	495,200
Oregon:	
Rogue Community College District .....	237,137
Sacred Heart Medical Center Foundation (PHOR) .....	500,000
Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital .....	233,548
Pennsylvania:	
Albert Gallatin Area School District .....	500,000
Laurel Highlands School District .....	500,000
Warren County School District .....	500,000
South Carolina:	
Lee County School District ...	500,000
Williamsburg County School District .....	500,000
York Technical College .....	460,303
South Dakota:	
Avera St. Luke's Hospital .....	252,875
Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society .....	404,080
Southeast Area Cooperative .....	499,996
Tennessee:	
Lincoln Memorial University ..	398,094
The University of Tennessee Health Science Center .....	484,983
Texas:	
Coastal Bend College .....	475,000
Education Service Center Region XI .....	500,000
Mt. Pleasant Independent School District .....	441,426
Newton Economic Development Corporation .....	500,000
Region XIV Education Service Center .....	500,000
Utah: Confederated Tribes of the Goshute .....	235,621
Vermont:	
Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice, Inc. ...	314,000

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Dorset Nursing Association, Inc .....	254,650
Virginia: Carilion Health System Washington:	186,350
Big Bend Community College Community Choice	500,000
Healthcare Network .....	414,847
Wellpinit School District .....	250,000
West Virginia:	
Clay County Board of Edu- cation .....	500,000
Nicholas County School Dis- trict .....	500,000
Wyoming: Rehabilitation Enter- prises of North Eastern Wyo- ming (RENEW) .....	79,600

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### Information and Communication Technology Survey

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before December 22, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Department Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [Dhynek@doc.gov](mailto:Dhynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Charles Funk, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 1285-3,

Washington, DC 20233-6400, (301) 763-3331 or via the Internet at [charles.allen.funk@census.gov](mailto:charles.allen.funk@census.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau proposes to collect selected non-capitalized expense data through the 2003 Information and Communication Technology Survey (ICT). This survey will be sent to a sample of approximately 46,000 private non-farm employer businesses operating in the United States. The proposed survey will collect industry-level data for two categories of non-capitalized expenses (purchases, additions, alterations, upgrades and enhancements; and, operating leases and rental payments) for four types of ICT equipment and software (computers and peripheral equipment; ICT equipment, excluding computers and peripherals; electromedical and electrotherapeutic apparatus; and, computer software, including payroll associated with software development). Companies will be asked to report data for industries in which they operate and incurred non-capitalized expenses. Industries in the survey will be comprised of 3-digit and selected 4-digit 1997 North American Industry Classification System codes.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Federal Reserve Board, Bureau of Labor Statistics and industry analysts need these data to evaluate productivity and economic growth prospects. In addition, the proposed survey will provide improved source data significant to the BEA's investment component of Gross Domestic Product, capital stock estimates, and capital flow tables.

##### II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect data. Employer companies will be mailed one of three forms based on their diversity of operations and number of industries with payroll. Companies that operate in only one industry will receive an ICT-1 (S) form. Companies that operate in more than one but less than nine industries will receive an ICT-1 (M) form. And, companies that operate in nine or more industries will receive an ICT-1 (L). Respondent companies are permitted to respond via facsimile machine to our toll-free number. Companies will be asked to respond to the survey within 30 days of the initial mailing. Letters and/or telephone calls encouraging participation will be directed to companies that have not responded by the designated time.

##### III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: ICT-1 (S), ICT-1 (M), ICT-1 (L).

Type of Review: New Collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, non-profit institutions, small businesses and organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Approximately 46,000 employer companies.

Estimated Time Per Response: The average for all respondents is 1.63 hours with the range from less than 1 hour to 20 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 74,980 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Respondents: \$1.6 million.

Respondents' Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225.

##### IV. Request for Comments

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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 18, 2003.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### Annual Capital Expenditures Survey

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general