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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Withdrawal of Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Helena National Forest, Broadwater, Lewis & Clark, Meagher, and Powell Counties, MT; Travel Management Plan for the South Belts, Divide, and Blackfoot Project Areas

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation notice.

SUMMARY: On April 18, 2003, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement called the Helena National Forest, Montana; Travel Management Plan for the South Belts, Divide, and Blackfoot Project Areas was published in the 68 FR 19185. This NOI is hereby rescinded due to elapsed time since the appearance of the NOI in the **Federal Register** and changed scope of the proposal as directed by 36 CFR Parts 212, 251, 261, and 295 Travel Management; Designated Routes and Areas for Motor Vehicle Use; Final Rule; November 9, 2005.

Dated: June 5, 2007.

Kevin T. Riordan,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

[Docket No.: 070607177-7178-01]

Solicitation of Applications for the National Technical Assistance, Training, Research and Evaluation Program: Information Dissemination and National Symposium

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Economic Development Administration (EDA) is soliciting applications for FY 2007 National Technical Assistance, Training, Research and Evaluation program (NTA Program) funding. Through this notice, EDA solicits applications for funding that address one or both of the following two projects: (1) Information dissemination to practitioners serving economically distressed areas; and (2) a national symposium to bring together leaders to discuss current and future trends in economic development and how to improve and implement economic development best practices. EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Through its NTA Program, EDA works towards fulfilling its mission by funding research and technical assistance projects to promote competitiveness and innovation in rural and urban regions throughout the United States and its territories. By working in conjunction with its research partners, EDA will help States, local governments, and community-based organizations to achieve their highest economic potential.

DATES: To be considered timely, a completed application, regardless of the format in which it is submitted, must be either: (1) Received by the EDA representative listed below under "Paper Submissions" no later than July 23, 2007 at 5 p.m. EST; or (2) transmitted and time-stamped at www.grants.gov no later than July 23, 2007 at 5 p.m. EST. Any application received or transmitted, as the case may be, after 5 p.m. EST on July 23, 2007

will be considered non-responsive and will not be considered for funding. Please see the instructions below under "Submitting Application Packages" for information regarding format options for submitting completed applications. The closing date and time are the same for paper submissions as for electronic submissions. By August 20, 2007, EDA expects to notify the applicants selected for investment assistance under this notice. The selected applicants should expect to receive funding for their projects within thirty days of EDA's notification of selection. Applicants choosing to submit completed applications electronically in whole or in part through www.grants.gov should follow the instructions set out below under "Electronic Access" and in section IV. of the complete Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement for this request for applications.

ADDRESSES: Paper Submissions: Full or partial paper (hardcopy) applications submitted pursuant to this notice and request for applications may be:

1. E-mailed to William P. Kittredge, Senior Program Analyst, at wkittredge@eda.doc.gov; or
2. Hand-delivered or mailed to William P. Kittredge, Senior Program Analyst, Economic Development Administration, Room 7009, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Applicants submitting full or partial paper submissions are encouraged to do so by e-mail. Applicants are advised that, due to mail security measures, EDA's receipt of mail sent via the United States Postal Service may be substantially delayed or suspended in delivery.

Electronic Submissions: Applicants may submit applications electronically in whole or in part in accordance with the instructions provided at www.grants.gov and in section IV.B. of the FFO announcement. EDA strongly encourages that applicants not wait until the application closing date to begin the application process through www.grants.gov. The preferred file format for electronic attachments (e.g., the project narrative and additional exhibits to Form ED-900A and Form ED-900A's program-specific component) is portable document format (PDF); however, EDA will accept

electronic files in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, Lotus or Excel formats.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information regarding paper submissions, please contact William P. Kittredge, Senior Program Analyst, via e-mail at wkittredge@eda.doc.gov (preferred) or by telephone at (202) 482-5442. For additional information regarding electronic submissions, please access the following link for assistance in navigating www.grants.gov and for a list of useful resources: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/applicant_help.jsp. If you do not find an answer to your question under *Frequently Asked Questions*, try consulting the *Applicant's User Guide*. If you still cannot find an answer to your question, contact support@grants.gov or telephone at 1-800-518-4726. The hours of operation for www.grants.gov are Monday–Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (EST) (except for federal holidays).

Additional information about EDA and its NTA Program may be obtained from EDA's Internet Web site at <http://www.eda.gov>. The complete FFO announcement for this request for applications is available at <http://www.grants.gov> and at <http://www.eda.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information: EDA is soliciting applications for FY 2007 NTA Program funding. Through this notice, EDA solicits applications for funding that address one or both of the following two projects: (1) Information dissemination to practitioners serving economically distressed areas; and (2) a national symposium to bring together leaders to discuss current and future trends in economic development and how to improve and implement economic development best practices.

EDA's intent is to implement a coordinated and complementary information dissemination program that, through strategic linkages, reaches the maximum number of economic development practitioners. As described in the FFO announcement, the information dissemination project has three component tasks: (1) Broadcasting of strategy telecasts; (2) preparation and dissemination of monthly electronic newsletters; and (3) preparation and dissemination of a quarterly magazine. Applicants must address each of these three components of the information dissemination project.

The 2008 EDA National Symposium will bring together nationally-recognized leaders to discuss "what's next" in economic development and how to implement economic

development best practices. Qualified applicants must submit applications for organizing, supporting, promoting, holding and reporting on the symposium. The focus of the symposium is to disseminate and share the strategies, policies and best practices of 21st century economic development.

Application Package: An application package consists of the following three forms:

1. Form ED-900A, *Application for Investment Assistance* (OMB Control No. 0610-0094);
2. Form ED-900A's program-specific component, *National Technical Assistance, Training, and Research and Evaluation Program Requirements* (OMB Control No. 0610-0094); and
3. Form SF-424, *Application for Federal Assistance* (OMB Control No. 4040-0004).

Please note that applicants must submit all three forms in accordance with the instructions provided in sections IV. and VII.B. of the FFO announcement.

Submitting Application Packages: Applications may be submitted in three formats: (1) Full paper (hardcopy) submission; (2) partial paper (hardcopy) submission and partial electronic submission; or (3) full electronic submission, each in accordance with the procedures provided in section IV.B. of the FFO announcement. The content of the application is the same for paper submissions as it is for electronic submissions. Applications completed in accordance with the instructions set forth in the FFO announcement, regardless of the option chosen for submission, will be considered for EDA funding under this request for applications. Incomplete applications and applications submitted by facsimile will not be considered.

Paper Access: Each of the three forms listed above under "Application Package" are separate attachments available at <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Application.xml>. You may print copies of each of these forms from <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Application.xml>. You also may obtain paper application packages by contacting the EDA representative listed above under "For Further Information Contact."

Electronic Access: Applicants may apply electronically through www.grants.gov, and may access this grant opportunity synopsis by following the instructions provided on <http://www.grants.gov/search/basic.do>. The synopsis will have an application package, which is an electronic file that contains forms pertaining to this specific grant opportunity. On [http://](http://www.grants.gov/search/basic.do)

www.grants.gov/search/basic.do, applicants can perform a basic search for this grant opportunity by completing the "Keyword Search," the "Search by Funding Opportunity Number," or the "Search by CFDA Number" field, and then clicking the "Search" button.

Funding Availability: EDA may use funds appropriated under the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007, Pub. L. No. 110-5 (February 15, 2007) to make awards under the NTA Program authorized under section 207 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3147), as amended (PWEDA), and 13 CFR part 306, subpart A. Approximately \$2,700,000 is available, and shall remain available until expended, for funding awards pursuant to this notice and request for applications. Based on past awards for similar projects, the range of total expenditures for (1) information dissemination projects has been from \$150,000 to \$250,000 and (2) national symposia has been from \$250,000 to \$450,000. EDA anticipates publishing additional FFO announcements (and corresponding notices in the **Federal Register**) under the NTA Program later during this fiscal year. Please note that the FFO announcement published on March 22, 2007 for EDA's economic development assistance programs references program funds allocated for Local Technical Assistance and National Technical Assistance. EDA may allocate additional funds currently available for the NTA Program to the Local Technical Assistance program for additional Local Technical Assistance projects.

Statutory Authority: The authority for the NTA Program is PWEDA. EDA published final regulations (codified at 13 CFR chapter III) in the **Federal Register** on September 27, 2006 (71 FR 56658). The final regulations became effective upon publication and reflect changes made to PWEDA by the Economic Development Administration Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Pub. L. No. 108-373, 118 Stat. 1756 (2004)). The final regulations and PWEDA are accessible on EDA's Internet Web site at <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Lawsreg.xml>. These regulations will govern an award made under this notice and request for applications.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbers: 11.303, Economic Development—Technical Assistance; 11.312, Economic Development—Research and Evaluation

Eligibility Requirement: Pursuant to PWEDA, eligible applicants for and eligible recipients of EDA investment assistance include a District Organization; an Indian Tribe or a

consortium of Indian Tribes; a State; a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; an institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; a public or private non-profit organization or association; and, as provided in section 207 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3147) for the NTA Program, a private individual or a for-profit organization. See section 3 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3122) and 13 CFR 300.3.

Cost Sharing Requirement: Generally, the amount of the EDA grant may not exceed fifty (50) percent of the total cost of the project. However, a project may receive an additional amount that shall not exceed thirty (30) percent, based on the relative needs of the region in which the project will be located, as determined by EDA. See section 204(a) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3144) and 13 CFR 301.4(b)(1). Under this competitive solicitation, the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development (Assistant Secretary) also has the discretion to establish a maximum EDA investment rate of up to one hundred (100) percent where the project (i) merits and is not otherwise feasible without an increase to the EDA investment rate; or (ii) will be of no or only incidental benefit to the recipient. See section 204(c)(3) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3144) and 13 CFR 301.4(b)(4).

While cash contributions are preferred, in-kind contributions, consisting of assumptions of debt or contributions of space, equipment, and services, may provide the non-federal share of the total project cost. See section 204(b) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3144). EDA will fairly evaluate all in-kind contributions, which must be eligible project costs and meet applicable federal cost principles and uniform administrative requirements. Funds from other federal financial assistance awards are considered matching share funds only if authorized by statute that allows such use, which may be determined by EDA's reasonable interpretation of the statute. See 13 CFR 300.3. The applicant must show that the matching share is committed to the project, available as needed and not conditioned or encumbered in any way that precludes its use consistent with the requirements of EDA investment assistance. See 13 CFR 301.5.

Intergovernmental Review: Applications under the NTA Program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Evaluation and Selection Procedures: To apply for an award under this request for applications, an eligible applicant must submit a completed application package to EDA before the closing date and time specified in the **DATES** section of this notice, and in the manner provided in section IV. of the FFO announcement. Any application received or transmitted, as the case may be, after 5 p.m. EST on July 23, 2007 will not be considered for funding. Applications that do not meet all items required or that exceed the page limitations set forth in section IV.C. of the FFO announcement will be considered non-responsive and will not be considered by the review panel. By August 20, 2007, EDA expects to notify the applicants selected for investment assistance under this notice. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by postal mail that their applications were not selected for funding. Applications that meet all the requirements will be evaluated by a review panel comprised of at least three (3) EDA staff members, all of whom will be full-time federal employees.

Evaluation Criteria: The review panel will evaluate the applications and rate and rank them using the following criteria of approximate equal weight:

1. Conformance with EDA's statutory and regulatory requirements, including the extent to which the proposed project satisfies the award requirements set out below and as provided in 13 CFR 306.2:
 - a. Strengthens the capacity of local, State or national organizations and institutions to undertake and promote effective economic development programs targeted to regions of distress;
 - b. Benefits distressed regions; and
 - c. Demonstrates innovative approaches to stimulate economic development in distressed regions;
2. The degree to which an EDA investment will have strong organizational leadership, relevant project management experience and a significant commitment of human resources talent to ensure the project's successful execution (see 13 CFR 301.8(b));
3. The ability of the applicant to implement the proposed project successfully (see 13 CFR 301.8);
4. The feasibility of the budget presented; and
5. The cost to the Federal government.

Selection Factors: The Assistant Secretary, as the Selecting Official, expects to fund the highest ranking applications, as recommended by the review panel, submitted under this competitive solicitation. However, the Assistant Secretary may not make any selection, or he may select an

application out of rank order for the following reasons: (1) A determination that the application better meets the overall objectives of sections 2 and 207 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3121 and 3147); (2) the applicant's performance under previous awards; or (3) the availability of funding.

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, published in the **Federal Register** on December 30, 2004 (69 FR 78389), are applicable to this competitive solicitation. This notice may be accessed by entering the **Federal Register** volume and page number provided in the previous sentence at the following Internet Web site: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/retrieve.html>.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This request for applications contains collections of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the use of Form ED-900A (*Application for Investment Assistance*) under control number 0610-0094. Form ED-900A's program-specific component (*National Technical Assistance, Training, and Research and Evaluation Program Requirements*) also is approved under OMB control number 0610-0094, and incorporates Forms SF-424A (*Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs*, OMB control number 0348-0044) and SF-424B (*Assurances—Non-Construction Programs*, OMB control number 0348-0040). OMB has approved the use of Form SF-424 (*Application for Financial Assistance*) under control number 4040-0004. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Executive Order 12866

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review."

Executive Order 13132

It has been determined that this notice does not contain "policies that have Federalism implications," as that phrase is defined in Executive Order 13132, "Federalism."

Administrative Procedure Act/ Regulatory Flexibility Act

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comments are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for rules concerning grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: June 15, 2007.

Benjamin Erulkar,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development and Chief Operating Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Quarterly Update to Annual Listing of Foreign Government Subsidies on Articles of Cheese Subject to an In-Quota Rate of Duty

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 21, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maura Jeffords, AD/CVD Operations, Office 3, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-3146.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 702 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (as amended) ("the Act") requires the Department of Commerce ("the Department") to determine, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, whether any foreign government is providing a subsidy with respect to any article of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty, as defined in section 702(h) of the Act, and to publish an annual list and quarterly updates of the type and amount of those subsidies. We hereby provide the Department's quarterly update of subsidies on articles of cheese that were imported during the period January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007.

The Department has developed, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, information on subsidies (as defined in section 702(h) of the Act) being provided either directly or indirectly by foreign governments on articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty. The appendix to this notice

lists the country, the subsidy program or programs, and the gross and net amounts of each subsidy for which information is currently available. The Department will incorporate additional programs which are found to constitute subsidies, and additional information on the subsidy programs listed, as the information is developed.

The Department encourages any person having information on foreign government subsidy programs which benefit articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty to submit such information in writing to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20230.

This determination and notice are in accordance with section 702(a) of the Act.

Dated: June 12, 2007.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Appendix

SUBSIDY PROGRAMS ON CHEESE SUBJECT TO AN IN-QUOTA RATE OF DUTY

Country	Program(s)	Gross ¹ Subsidy (\$/lb)	Net ² Subsidy (\$/lb)
27 European Union Member States ³	European Union Restitution Payments	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Canada	Export Assistance on Certain Types of Cheese	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.30
Norway	Indirect (Milk) Subsidy	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
.....	Consumer Subsidy	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
.....	Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Switzerland	Deficiency Payments	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

¹ Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(5).

² Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(6).

³ The 27 member states of the European Union are: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom; and Bulgaria and Romania that completed accession to European Union on January 1, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[XRIN: 0648-XA93]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Hearings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene public hearings on an Aquaculture Amendment.

DATES: The public hearings will held from July 9 - 12, 2007 at 7 locations throughout the Gulf of Mexico. For specific dates and times, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: The public hearings will be held in the following locations: N. Redington Beach and Destin, FL; Biloxi, MS; Orange Beach, AL; New Orleans, LA; Galveston and Corpus Christi, TX.

For specific locations, see

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Swingle, Executive Director; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) is preparing an amendment which will require persons to obtain a permit from NMFS to participate in aquaculture by constructing an aquaculture facility in the exclusive