

1400 Independence Ave. SW.,
Washington, DC 20250-0787,
Telephone (202) 720-1490, Facsimile
(202) 690-0471, E-mail:
jbenisra@rdmail.rural.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act

The reporting requirements contained in this notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and have been assigned OMB control number 0575-0173 in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Authorizing Legislation and Regulations

This program is authorized under section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act. RHS will administer these funds using the same regulations that govern its Community Facilities grant program. Program administration, eligibility, processing, and servicing requirements that govern the Community Facilities grant program may be found under 7 CFR part 3570, subpart B.

Background

Under the FY 2002 appropriation, Congress appropriated \$19 million for a Community Facilities grant program for rural communities with extreme unemployment and severe economic depression, hereafter referred to as the Economic Impact Initiative. These funds are in addition to the Community Facilities grant program's regular allocation of competitive grant funds. The Community Facilities grant program, authorized by Congress in 1996, is used in conjunction with the existing direct and guaranteed loan programs for the development of essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. Funding is intended to complement rather than compete with other credit sources. Grants are made available to public entities, such as municipalities, counties, and special-service districts, as well as to eligible nonprofit corporations and tribal governments. Grants are targeted to communities with the smallest populations and lowest incomes. Communities with lower population and income levels receive a greater percentage of the Federal contribution, between 15 to 75 percent of the cost of developing the facility.

Additional Eligibility Requirements

In addition to those requirements contained in 7 CFR part 3570, subpart B, the essential community facility must be located in a rural community where the "not employed rate" is greater than

19.5 percent as mandated by 7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(20)(B).

Definition of Not Employed Rate

This is the percentage of individuals over the age of 18 who reside within the community and who are ready, willing, and able to be employed but are unable to find employment, as determined by the Department of Labor of the State in which the community is located.

Applicant Eligibility for Local Dial-Up Internet Access

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002 expanded eligibility for the Economic Impact Initiative to provide local dial-up Internet access or broadband service where it does not currently exist. Under this provision, the Agency may make grants to State agencies for use by regulatory commissions in States with rural communities without local dial-up Internet access or local broadband service. The State Agencies will establish a competitive, technologically neutral grant program to telecommunications carriers or cable operators that establish common carrier facilities and services that, in the commission's determination, will result in the long-term availability of affordable broadband services that are used for high speed Internet access for these communities.

Allocation of Funds

All Economic Impact Initiative funds will remain in the National Office reserve for funding consideration for FY 2002. Project selections will be on a national competitive basis. There will be two windows of opportunity to compete for grant funding. It is anticipated, the first round of funding selections will be made after May 10, 2002. The second round will be held after August 23, 2002.

Selection Process

Once a determination has been made by the State Office that an applicant is eligible, the preapplication is evaluated competitively and points awarded as specified in the project selection priorities contained in 7 CFR part 3570, subpart B. The State Director or designee will then forward the request to the National Office to compete for funding consideration. Projects will then be rated, ranked, and selections made in order of priority. Each proposal will be judged on its own merit. Unless withdrawn by the applicant, projects not selected for funding consideration for the first round of funding selections

will remain eligible to compete for the next round of funding.

To be considered for the first window, all preapplications along with supporting documentation satisfactory to the Agency must be received by the Rural Development State or designated field office by close of business May 3, 2002. To be considered for the second window, all preapplications must be received by the Rural Development State or designated field office by close of business August 16, 2002.

Notice of Invitation To Submit Complete Application

All preapplications selected for funding consideration will be notified by the State or field office by issuing Form AD-622, "Notice of Preapplication Review Action." At that time, the proposed recipient will be invited to submit a complete application, along with instructions related to the agreed upon award amount, and asked to schedule an application conference to discuss items needed for formal application and to further clarify issues related to the project.

Final Approval and Funding Process

Final approval is subject to the availability of funds; the submission by the applicant of a formal, complete application and related materials that meet the program requirements and responsibilities of the grantee (contained in 7 CFR part 3570, subpart B); the letter of conditions; and the grant agreement. Those preapplications that do not have sufficient priority necessary to receive funding consideration for FY 2002 will be notified, in writing, by the Agency's State or designated field office.

Dated: April 3, 2002.

Arthur A. Garcia,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

[FR Doc. 02-8527 Filed 4-8-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-XV-P

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia Advisory Committees

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights that a meeting of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia Advisory Committees to the Commission will convene at 9:30 a.m. and recess at 6 p.m. on April 24, 2002; will reconvene at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn at 6 p.m. on April 25, 2002, at the Mason District Government Center,

6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, Virginia 22003. The subcommittees, also known as the Inter-SAC Committee, will hold a community forum on civil rights focusing on civil rights concerns of Arab, Muslim, Sikh and South Asian communities in the Washington metropolitan area in the aftermath of 9/11 tragedies.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, April 2, 2002.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
[FR Doc. 02-8466 Filed 4-8-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6335-01-P

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Iowa Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Iowa Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 12 p.m. on May 1, 2002, at the Holiday Inn Airport, 611 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, Iowa 50321. The purpose of the meeting is to plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Melvin L. Jenkins, Director of the Central Regional Office, 913-551-1400 (TDD 913-551-1414). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, April 3, 2002.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
[FR Doc. 02-8467 Filed 4-8-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6335-01-P

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Minnesota Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Minnesota Advisory Committee to the Commission will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2002, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2002, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 425 S. 7th Street, 5th Floor, Universal Room, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415. The purpose of the meeting is to gather information on the coverage of minority communities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Constance M. Davis, Director of the Midwestern Regional Office, 312-353-8311 (TDD 312-353-8362). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, March 29, 2002.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
[FR Doc. 02-8468 Filed 4-8-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6335-01-P

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Utah Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Utah Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 5:30 p.m. and adjourn at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at the Horizonte School, 1234 S. Main Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. The purpose of the meeting is to hold new member orientation and discuss current projects and civil rights issues in the state.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact, John Dulles, Director of the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, 303-866-1040 (TDD 303-866-1049). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the

Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, March 29, 2002.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
[FR Doc. 02-8469 Filed 4-8-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6335-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Export Administration (BXA).

Title: BXA Program Questionnaire.

Form Number: None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Review: Emergency.

Burden Hours: 667.

Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Average Time Per Response: 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: This questionnaire will be used by participants at the Update West conference, visitors to BXA's web site, and perhaps by attendees at future BXA conferences. The responses to these questions provide useful and practical information that BXA can use to determine that it is providing a quality program and gives BXA information useful to making recommended improvements. It also shows attendees that BXA cares about their experience and values their viewpoint.

Affected Public: Individuals, business or other for-profit organizations.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6608, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 5 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.