

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

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.

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.

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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