

industry indicated the need to establish separate standards for marketing peas as a feed product due to an increasing demand for peas used in animal feed. The quality and standards established for the edible dry pea market differ from the feed pea market.

GIPSA worked with the United States Dry Pea and Lentil Council and others in the pea industry to develop the standards for feed peas.

The standards include definitions, the basic principles governing application of standards, such as the type of sample used for a particular quality analysis, reporting requirements for analytical results, the actual quality grade specifications, and the format for the grade for certification purposes. The standards include specifications for both U.S. Grade No. 1 Feed Peas and for U.S. Sample Grade Feed Peas. Feed peas that do not meet the requirements for U.S. Grade No. 1 Feed Peas are to be classified as U.S. Sample Grade Feed Peas.

In the May 12, 2006, **Federal Register** (71 FR 27672–27674) we invited comments on the U.S. Standards for Feed Peas. We received no comments during the 30-day comment period. Therefore, we are establishing U.S. Standards for Feed Peas as proposed.

The U.S. Standards for Peas, including the new Standards for Feed Peas, do not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations; the U.S. Department of Agriculture maintains the standards. The process for developing these standards are specified in the regulations in 7 CFR 868.102, Procedures for establishing and revising grade standards.

You may view or print the U.S. Standards for Feed Peas from the GIPSA Web site at <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov> or by contacting us by phone, fax, or e-mail using the information provided above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. We expect requests for service this season beginning in mid-July. Accordingly, the standards are effective one day after publication of this final notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621–1627; 7 CFR 868.103.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Funding for the Rural Housing Demonstration Program

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) an Agency under USDA Rural Development, announces the availability of housing funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 for the Rural Housing Demonstration Program. For FY 2006, USDA Rural Development has set aside \$1 million for the Innovative Demonstration Initiatives and is soliciting proposals for a Housing Demonstration program under section 506(b) of title V of the Housing Act of 1949. Under section 506(b), USDA Rural Development may provide loans to low income borrowers to purchase innovative housing units and systems that do not meet existing published standards, rules, regulations, or policies. The intended effect is to increase the availability of affordable Rural Housing (RH) for low-income families through innovative designs and systems.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 6, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gloria L. Denson, Senior Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing Direct Loan Division, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0783, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250–0783, Telephone (202) 720–1474. (This is not a toll free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under current standards, regulations, and policies, some low-income rural families lack sufficient income to qualify for loans to obtain adequate housing. Section 506(b) of title V of the Housing Act of 1949, 42 U.S.C. 1476, authorizes a housing demonstration program that could result in housing that these families can afford. Section 506(b) imposes two conditions: (1) That the health and safety of the population of the areas in which the demonstrations are carried out will not be adversely affected, and (2) That the aggregate expenditures for the demonstration may not exceed \$10 million in any fiscal year.

Rural Development State Directors are authorized in FY 2006 to accept demonstration concept proposals from individuals.

The objective of the demonstration programs is to test new approaches to constructing housing under the statutory authority granted to the

Secretary of Agriculture. Rural Development will review each application for completeness and accuracy. Some demonstration proposals may not be consistent with some of the provisions of our 7 CFR part 3550—Direct Single Family Housing Loans and Grants regulation. Under section 506(b) of the Housing Act of 1949, the Agency may provide loans for innovative housing design units and systems which do not meet existing published standards, rules, regulations, or policies.

The Equal Credit Opportunity Act and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 provide that a program such as this be administered affirmatively so that individuals of similar low-income levels in the housing market area have housing choices available to them regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, and disability. Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Rural Development makes reasonable accommodations to permit persons with disabilities to apply for agency programs. Executive Order 12898 requires the Agency to conduct a Civil Rights Impact Analysis on each project prior to loan approval. Also, the requirements of Executive Order 11246 are applicable regarding equal employment opportunity when the proposed contract exceeds \$10,000.

Completed applications that have been determined to carry out the objectives of the program will be considered on a first come, first served basis based on the date a completed application was submitted. An application is considered complete only if the “Application for Approval of Housing Innovation” is complete in content, contains information related to the criteria and all applicable additional information required by the application form has been provided. All application packages must be in accordance with the technical management requirements and address the criteria in the Proposal Content. The application, technical management requirements, Proposal Content and Criteria, and further information may be obtained from the Rural Development State office in each state. (See the State Office address list at the end of this notice or access the Web site at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd_map.html.) A submitter of an incomplete application will be advised in writing of additional information needed for continued processing.

The following evaluation factors will not be weighted and are non-competitive. Rural Development, in its analysis of the proposals received, will consider whether the proposals will carry out the objectives of this

demonstration effort in accordance with the following criteria:

A. Housing Unit Concept

1. A proposal must be well beyond the "idea" state. Sufficient testing must have been completed to demonstrate its feasibility. The proposal must be judged ready for full scale field testing in a rural setting.

2. Ability of the housing unit to provide for the protection of life, property, and for the safety and welfare of the consumer, general public, and occupants through the design, construction, quality of materials, use, and maintenance of the housing unit.

3. Flexibility of the housing units in relation to varying types of housing and varying site considerations.

4. Flexibility of the housing unit concept, insofar as it provides the ability to adjust or modify unit size and arrangements, either during design or after construction.

5. Efficiency in the use of materials and labor, with respect to cost in place, conservation of materials, and the effective use of labor skills. Potential for use in the Mutual Self-Help Housing program will be considered.

6. Selection of materials for durability and ease of maintenance.

7. Concepts for the effective use of land and development.

B. Organization Capabilities

1. The experience and "know-how" of the proposed organization or individual to implement construction of the housing unit concept in relation to the requirements of Rural Development's housing programs.

2. The management structure and organization of the proposer.

3. The quality and diversity of management and professional talent proposed as "key individuals."

4. The management plan of how this effort will be conducted.

C. Cost and Price Analysis

1. The level of costs which are proposed, as they may compare with other proposals and be considered realistic for the efforts planned. Also, the quantity and level of detail in the information supplied.

2. Projected cost of "housing in place," with particular reference to housing for very low and low-income families.

An acceptable proposal will be sent by the State Director to the National Office for concurrence by the Rural Development Administrator before the State Director may approve it. If the proposal is not selected, the State Director will so notify the applicant in

writing, giving specific reasons why the proposal was not selected. The funds for the RH Demonstration program are section 502 single family housing funds and are available to housing applicants who wish to purchase an approved demonstration dwelling. Funds cannot be reserved or guaranteed under the demonstration housing concept. There is no guarantee that a market exists for demonstration dwellings, and this does not ensure that an eligible loan applicant will be available for such a section 502 RH dwelling. If there is no available Rural Development eligible loan applicant, the RH demonstration program applicant will have to advance funds to complete the construction of the demonstration housing, with the risk that there may be no Rural Development applicant or other purchaser from which the builder will recover his or her development and construction costs.

This program or activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.410. For the reasons contained in 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, and RD Instruction 1940-J, "Intergovernmental Review of Rural Development Programs and Activities," this program or activity is excluded from the scope of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.

All interested parties must make a written request for a proposal package to the State Director in the State in which the proposal will be submitted; Rural Development will not be liable for any expenses incurred by respondents in the development and submission of applications.

The reporting requirements contained in this notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Control Number 0575-0172.

Dated: June 26, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office for Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

Bureau: International Trade Administration.

Title: Advocacy Questionnaire.

OMB Approval Number: 0625-0220.

Agency Form Number: ITA-4133P.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 205.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Average Hours per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The International Trade Administration's (ITA) Advocacy Center marshals federal resources to assist U.S. firms competing for foreign government procurements worldwide. The Advocacy Center works closely with the Trade Promotion Coordination Committee, which is chaired by the Secretary of Commerce and includes 19 federal agencies involved in export promotion.

Advocacy assistance is wide and varied, but most often is employed to assist U.S. commercial interests that must deal with foreign governments or government-owned corporations to win or maintain business transactions in foreign markets. The Advocacy Center is at the core of the President's National Export Strategy and its goal to ensure opportunities for American companies in the international marketplace.

The purpose of the Advocacy Questionnaire is to collect the information necessary to evaluate whether it would be appropriate to provide the U.S. Government (USG) advocacy assistance on a given transaction. The Advocacy Center, appropriate ITA officials, officers at U.S. Embassies/Consulates worldwide, and other federal government agencies that provide advocacy support (the Advocacy Network) to U.S. firms, request firms seeking USG advocacy support to complete the questionnaire. The information derived from a completed questionnaire is critical in helping the Advocacy Center determine whether it is in the U.S. national interest to advocate on a specific transaction.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organization.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit, voluntary.