

# Strengthening Rural Communities

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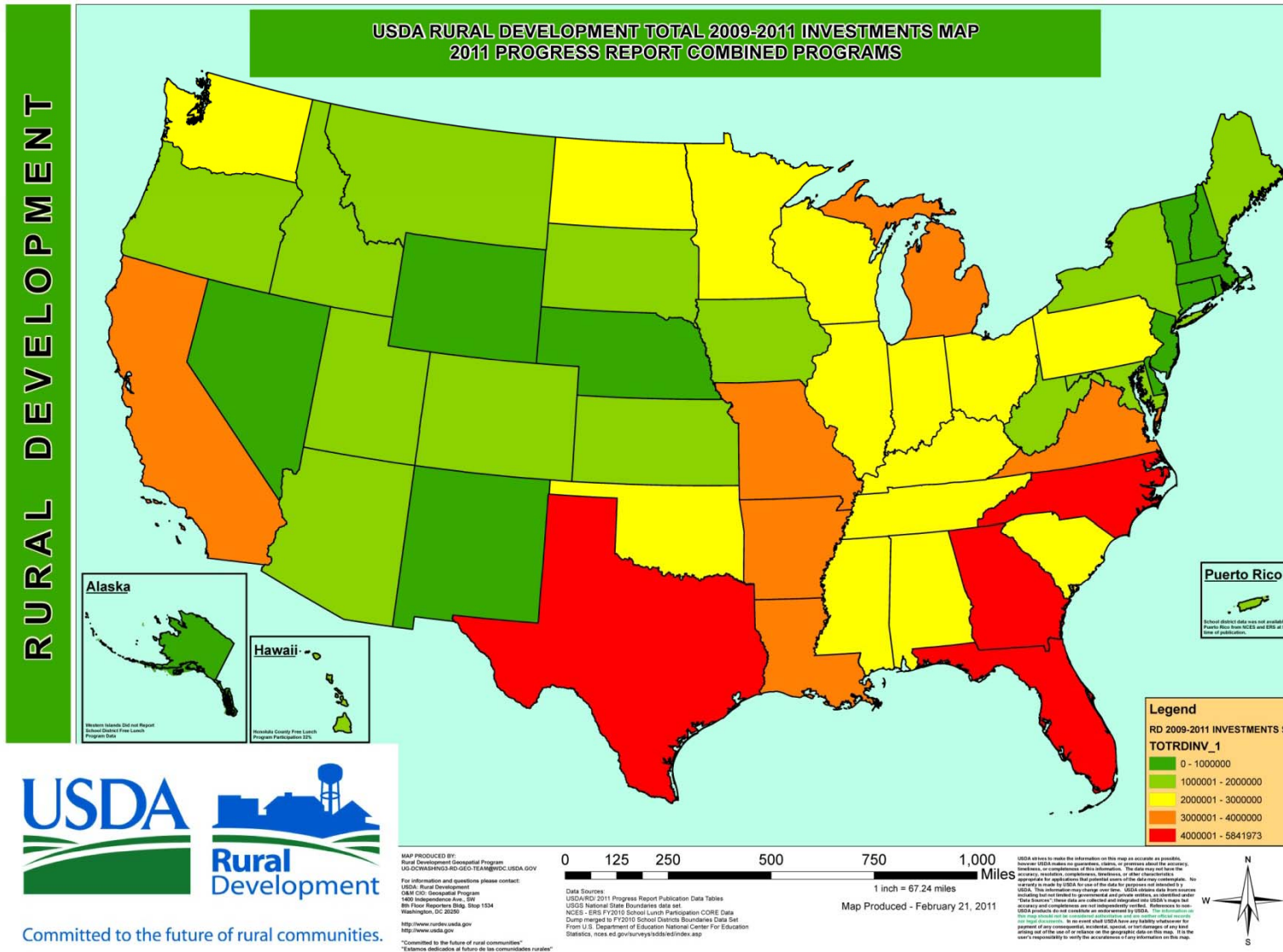


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# RD Investments 2009-2011

## By the Numbers

**\$102.7 Billion** invested in rural housing, businesses, broadband, water systems, community facilities, energy systems.





# ARRA Broadband Investments

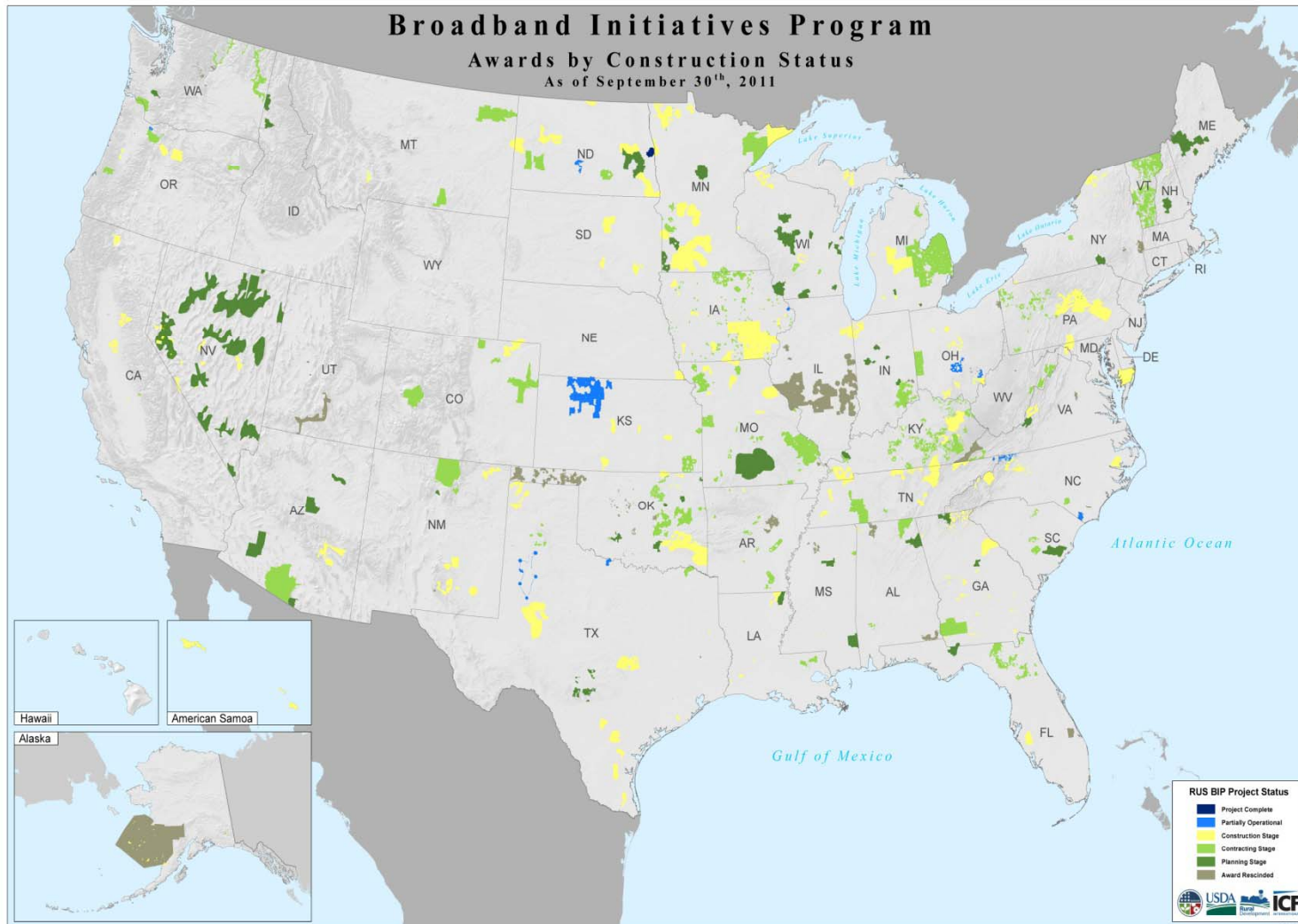
## By the Numbers

**7 million** rural residents

**364,000** rural businesses

**32,000** community facilities

**25,000** jobs



# Community Facilities Investments 2009-2011

- Invested in over **6,250** critical community facilities,
- Serving nearly **29** million rural residents,
- Including **736** education facilities, **433** libraries, **581** health care facilities, and **2,800** public safety facilities.



\$1.6 million renovation and expansion of Eastover Branch Library in Eastover, South Carolina. Rural Development funds will help the library include a computer and homework lab, add computers for public use, provide a meeting room for community use, increase staff and operating hours to make the library more accessible to the community.



# Renewable Energy Investments 2009-2011



RD energy programs have supported the growth of the wood pellet industry in SC.

- Helped lead an effort to promote **domestic production of renewable energy** with potential to create hundreds of thousands of rural jobs.
- Invested in research, supported farmers growing bioenergy feedstocks, and helped support more than **230 bioenergy projects**, including construction of **5 biorefineries**.
- Helped **25,000 rural small businesses, farmers, and ranchers** save energy and improve their bottom line by installing **renewable energy systems** and **energy efficiency** solutions.

# Energy Efficiency

Energy efficiency projects are broken into three major categories:

- Buildings – examples: heating/air conditioning (HVAC); lighting; windows
- Industrial – examples: energy efficient equipment; grain dryers
- Other – propane systems such as conversion in poultry houses; reverse osmosis for maple sugar producers



Four J Family Farms in Pinewood, SC received a grant for a new grain dryer.

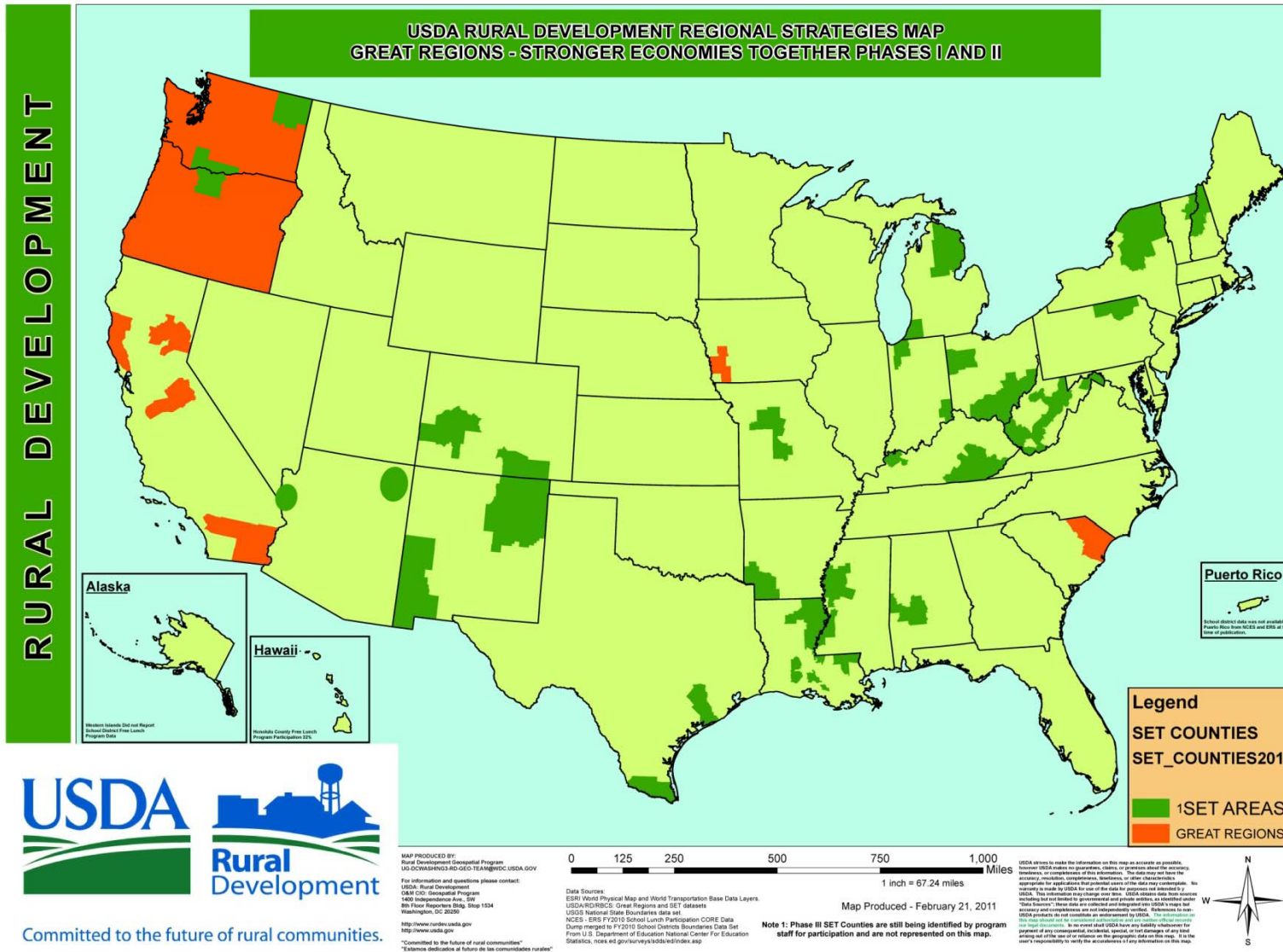


# Regional Strategies 2009-2011

## By the Numbers

7 Great Regions

37 S.E.T.  
Regions



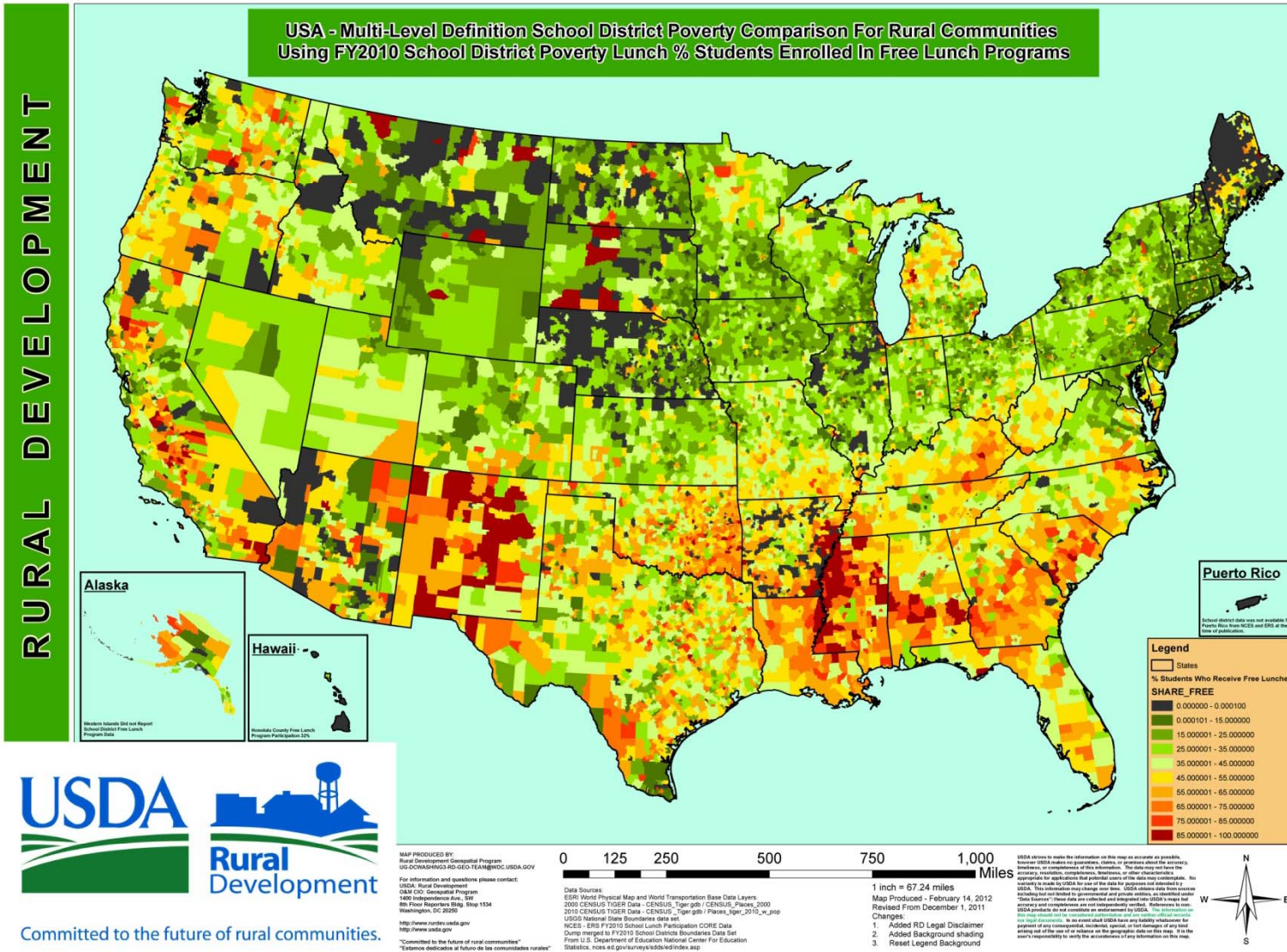
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# “15 by 15 by 45” Effort

## By the Numbers

By **2015**, at least **15%** of RD program funding will support communities with at least **45%** of children in poverty.





# A Rural Economy Built to Last

- President Obama, Secretary Vilsack, and we at RD are committed to a rural economy built on:
  - American manufacturing
  - American energy
  - Skills for American workers
  - Renewal of American values
- Rural Development has been laying this foundation and will continue this work in years ahead.



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# Q & A



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