

and a final determination of change will be made to the subject standards.

Dated: September 19, 2011.

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State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Richmond, Virginia.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Funds Availability for the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program for Fiscal Year 2011

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Notice announces the funds available for loans and grants under the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP) pursuant to 7 CFR part 4280, subpart D for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011.

Total Funding: \$13,910,351.

Technical Assistance (TA) Only

Grants: \$410,500.

Microlender TA Grants: \$2,607,570.

Loans: \$10,892,281.

The minimum loan amount a Microenterprise Development Organization (MDO) may borrow under this program is \$50,000. The maximum loan any MDO may borrow in any given year is \$500,000. The maximum amount of Technical Assistance (TA)-only grants in FY 2011 is \$40,000 per grantee and total TA-only grants funding will not exceed 10 percent of the amount appropriated to the RMAP program in the fiscal year.

The commitment of program dollars will be made to applicants of selected responses that have fulfilled the necessary requirements for obligation.

DATES: Applications for participating in this Program will be accepted on an on-going basis, but will be awarded each Federal fiscal quarter. Applications received after June 30, 2011, will be considered for an award of funds available in the first quarter of FY 2012.

ADDRESSES: Applications and forms may be obtained from any Rural Development State Office. Applicants must submit an original complete application to the USDA Rural Development State Office in the State where the applicant's project is located. A list of the USDA Rural Development State Offices addresses and telephone numbers are listed below.

Note: Telephone numbers listed are not toll-free.

Alabama

USDA Rural Development State Office, Sterling Centre, Suite 601, 4121 Carmichael Road, Montgomery, AL 36106-3683, (334) 279-3400/TDD (334) 279-3495.

Alaska

USDA Rural Development State Office, 800 West Evergreen, Suite 201, Palmer, AK 99645-6539, (907) 761-7705/TDD (907) 761-8905.

Arizona

USDA Rural Development State Office, 230 N. 1st Ave., Suite 206, Phoenix, AZ 85003, (602) 280-8701/TDD (602) 280-8705.

Arkansas

USDA Rural Development State Office, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Room 3416, Little Rock, AR 72201-3225, 7(501) 301-3200/TDD (501) 301-3279.

California

USDA Rural Development State Office, 430 G Street, # 4169, Davis, CA 95616-4169, (530) 792-5800/TDD (530) 792-5848.

Colorado

USDA Rural Development State Office, 655 Parfet Street, Room E-100, Lakewood, CO 80215-5517, (720) 544-2903/TDD (720) 544-2981.

Delaware-Maryland

USDA Rural Development State Office, 1221 College Park Drive, Suite 200, Dover, DE 19904, (302) 857-3580/TDD (302) 857-3585.

Florida/Virgin Islands

USDA Rural Development State Office, 4440 NW., 25th Place, P.O. Box 147010, Gainesville, FL 32614-7010, (352) 338-3400/TDD (352) 338-3499.

Georgia

USDA Rural Development State Office, Stephens Federal Building, 355 E. Hancock Avenue, Athens, GA 30601-2768, (706) 546-2162/TDD (706) 546-2034.

Hawaii

USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Room 311, 154 Waiianuenue Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720, (808) 933-8380/TDD (808) 933-8321.

Idaho

USDA Rural Development State Office, 9173 West Barnes Dr., Suite A1, Boise, ID 83709, (208) 378-5600/TDD (208) 378-5644.

Illinois

USDA Rural Development State Office, 2118 West Park Court, Suite A, Champaign, IL 61821, (217) 403-6200/TDD (217) 403-6240.

Indiana

USDA Rural Development State Office, 5975 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46278, (317) 290-3100/TDD (317) 290-3343.

Iowa

USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Room 873, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50309, (515) 284-4663/TDD (515) 284-4858.

Kansas

USDA Rural Development State Office, 1303 S.W. First American Place, Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66604-4040, (785) 271-2700/TDD (785) 271-2767.

Kentucky

USDA Rural Development State Office, 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40503, (859) 224-7300/TDD (859) 224-7422.

Louisiana

USDA Rural Development State Office, 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, LA 71302, (318) 473-7921/TDD (318) 473-7655.

Maine

USDA Rural Development State Office, 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite 4, P.O. Box 405, Bangor, ME 04402-0405, (207) 990-9160/TDD (207) 942-7331.

Massachusetts/Rhode Island/Connecticut

USDA Rural Development State Office, 451 West Street, Suite 2, Amherst, MA 01002-2999, (413) 253-4300/TDD (413) 253-4590.

Michigan

USDA Rural Development State Office, 3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 200, East Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 324-5190/TDD (517) 324-5169

Minnesota

USDA Rural Development State Office, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 410, St. Paul, MN 55101-1853, (651) 602-7800/TDD (651) 602-3799.

Mississippi

USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Suite 831, 100 W. Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39269-1608, (601) 965-4316/TDD (601) 965-5850

Missouri

USDA Rural Development State Office,
601 Business Loop 70 West, Parkade
Center, Suite 235, Columbia, MO
65203-2579, (573) 876-0976/TDD
(573) 876-9480.

Montana

USDA Rural Development State Office,
900 Technology Boulevard, Suite B,
Unit 1, P.O. Box 850, Bozeman, MT
59771, (406) 585-2580/TDD (406)
585-2562.

Nebraska

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Room 152, 100
Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE
68508-3803, (402) 437-5551/TDD
(402) 437-5093.

Nevada

USDA Rural Development State Office,
1390 South Curry Street, Carson City,
NV 89703-5146, (775) 887-1222/TDD
(775) 885-0633.

New Jersey

USDA Rural Development State Office,
8000 Midlantic Drive, 5th Floor
North, Suite 500, Mt. Laurel, NJ
08054-1522, (856) 787-7700/TDD
(856) 787-7784.

New Mexico

USDA Rural Development State Office,
6200 Jefferson Street, NE., Room 255,
Albuquerque, NM 87109-3434, (505)
761-4950/TDD (505) 761-4938.

New York

USDA Rural Development State Office,
The Galleries of Syracuse, 441 South
Salina Street, Suite 357, Syracuse, NY
13202-2541, (315) 477-6400/TDD
(315) 477-6447.

North Carolina

USDA Rural Development State Office,
4405 Bland Road, Suite 260, Raleigh,
NC 27609, (919) 873-2000/TDD (919)
873-2003.

North Dakota

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Room 208, 220 East
Rosser, P.O. Box 1737, Bismarck, ND
58502-1737, (701) 530-2037/TDD
(701) 530-2113

Ohio

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Room 507, 200
North High Street, Columbus, OH
43215-2418, (614) 255-2400/TDD
(614) 255-2554.

Oklahoma

USDA Rural Development State Office,
100 USDA, Suite 108, Stillwater, OK

74074-2654, (405) 742-1000/TDD
(405) 742-1007.

Oregon

USDA Rural Development State Office,
1201 NE., Lloyd Blvd., Suite 801,
Portland, OR 97232-1274, (503) 414-
3300/TDD (503) 414-3387.

Pennsylvania

USDA Rural Development State Office,
One Credit Union Place, Suite 330,
Harrisburg, PA 17110-2996, (717)
237-2299/TDD (717) 237-2261.

Puerto Rico

USDA Rural Development State Office,
IBM Building, Suite 601, 654 Munos
Rivera Avenue, San Juan, PR 00918-
6106, (787) 766-5095/TDD (787) 766-
5332.

South Carolina

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Strom Thurmond Federal Building,
1835 Assembly Street, Room 1007,
Columbia, SC 29201-2449, (803) 765-
5163/TDD (803) 765-5697.

South Dakota

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Room 210, 200
Fourth Street, SW, Huron, SD 57350-
2461, (605) 352-1100/TDD (605) 352-
1147.

Tennessee

USDA Rural Development State Office,
3322 West End Avenue, Suite 300,
Nashville, TN 37203-1084, (615) 783-
1300.

Texas

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Suite 102, 101
South Main, Temple, TX 76501-7651,
(254) 742-9700/TDD (254) 742-9712.

Utah

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building,
125 South State Street, Room 4311,
Salt Lake City, UT 84138-1106, (801)
524-4320/TDD (801) 524-3309.

Vermont/New Hampshire

USDA Rural Development State Office,
City Center, 3rd Floor, 89 Main Street,
Montpelier, VT 05602-4449, (802)
828-6000/TDD (802) 223-6365.

Virginia

USDA Rural Development State Office,
1606 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 238,
Richmond, VA 23229-5014, (804)
287-1550/TDD (804) 287-1753.

Washington

USDA Rural Development State Office,
1835 Black Lake Boulevard SW., Suite

B, Olympia, WA 98512-5715, (360)
704-7740/TDD (360) 704-7760.

West Virginia

USDA Rural Development State Office,
1550 Earl Core Road, Suite 101,
Morgantown, WV 26505, (304) 284-
4860/TDD (304) 284-4836.

Wisconsin

USDA Rural Development State Office,
4949 Kirschling Court, Stevens Point,
WI 54481-7044, (715) 345-7600/TDD
(715) 345-7614.

Wyoming

USDA Rural Development State Office,
100 East B Street, Room 1005, P.O.
Box 11005, Casper, WY 82602-5006,
(307) 233-6700/TDD (307) 233-6733.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on this Notice, please contact the USDA Rural Development State Office for your respective State, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Environmental Impact Statement**

This document has been reviewed in accordance with 7 CFR part 1940, subpart G, "Environmental Program." Rural Development has determined that this action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the paperwork burden associated with this Notice has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0570-0062.

Overview

Federal Agency Name: Rural Business-Cooperative Service (an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture in the Rural Development mission area).

Solicitation Opportunity Title: Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program.

Announcement Type: Initial announcement.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number. The CFDA number for this Notice is 10.870.

DATES: Applications for participating in this Program will be accepted on an on-going basis, but will be awarded each Federal fiscal quarter basis. Applications received after June 30,

2011 will be considered for an award of funds available in the first quarter of FY 2012.

Availability of Notice and Rule. This Notice and the interim rule for the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP) are available on the USDA Rural Development Web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP-LoanAndGrants.html>.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Purpose of the Program. The purpose of RMAP is to support the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises (businesses generally with ten employees or fewer and in need of financing in the amount of \$50,000 or less as defined in 7 CFR 4280.302).

Assistance provided to rural areas under this program may include the provision of loans and grants to rural Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs) for the provision of microloans to rural microenterprises and microentrepreneurs; provision of business-based training and technical assistance to rural microborrowers and potential microborrowers; and other such activities as deemed appropriate by the Secretary to ensure the development and ongoing success of rural microenterprises.

B. Statutory Authority. The RMAP is authorized by Section 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 USC 2008s). Regulations are contained in 7 CFR Part 4280, subpart D.

C. Definition of Terms. The definitions applicable to this Notice are published at 7 CFR 4280.302.

II. Award Information

A. Type of Award: Loan and/or Grant.

B. Fiscal Year Funds: FY 2011.

C. Total Funding: \$13,910,351.
Technical Assistance (TA) Only

Grants: \$410,500.

Microlender TA Grants: \$2,607,570.

Loans: \$10,892,281.

D. Approximate Number of Awards: 35.

E. Anticipated Award Date:

- Fourth Quarter, September 15, 2011.

In the event some program funds allocated for a particular quarter of FY 2011 are not obligated, the remaining unobligated funds will be carried over to the next Federal fiscal quarter. Any FY 2011 funds not obligated under this Notice will be carried over into FY 2012.

III. Eligibility Information

A. Eligible applicants. To be eligible for this program, the applicant must

meet the eligibility requirements in 7 CFR 4280.310.

B. Cost share requirements. The Federal share of the eligible project cost of a microborrower's project funded under this Notice shall not exceed 75 percent. The cost share requirement shall be met by the microlender in accordance with the requirements specified in 7 CFR 4280.311(d).

C. Matching fund requirements. The MDO is required to provide a match of not less than 15 percent of the total amount of the grant in the form of matching funds, indirect costs, or in-kind goods or services.

D. Other eligibility requirements. Applications will only be accepted from eligible MDOs. Eligible MDOs must score a minimum of 70 points out of 100 points to be considered to receive an award. Awards each Federal fiscal quarter will be based on ranking with the highest ranking applications being funded first, subject to available funding.

E. Completeness eligibility. All applications must be submitted as a complete application, in one package. Applications will not be considered for funding if they do not provide sufficient information to determine eligibility or are unbound, falling apart, or otherwise not suitable for evaluation. Such applications will be withdrawn.

IV. Fiscal Year 2011 Application and Submission Information

A. Application submittal. Loan applications must be submitted in paper format. Grant applications may be submitted in either paper or electronic format via *Grants.gov*.

If applications are submitted in paper format, they must be bound in a 3-ring binder and must be organized in the same order set forth in 7 CFR 4280.315. To ensure timely delivery, applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their applications using an overnight, express, or parcel delivery service.

Applicants are encouraged to submit grant only applications through the *Grants.gov* Web site at: <http://www.grants.gov>. Users of *Grants.gov* will be able to download a copy of the grant application package, complete it off line, and then upload and submit the application via the *Grants.gov* Web site. USDA Rural Development strongly encourages applicants not to wait until the application deadline date to begin the application process through *Grants.gov*.

When applicants enter the *Grants.gov* Web site, they will find information about submitting a grant application electronically through the site as well as the hours of operation. Applicants may

submit all documents electronically through the Web site, including all information required for a complete grant application and all necessary assurances and certifications under 7 CFR 4280.315. After electronically submitting an application through the Web site, the applicant will receive an automatic acknowledgement from *Grants.gov* that contains a *Grants.gov* tracking number. USDA Rural Development may request that the applicant provide original signatures on forms at a later date.

All applicants, whether filing applications through <http://www.Grants.gov> or by paper, must have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, which can be obtained at no cost via a toll-free request line at 1-866-705-5711 or online at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>.

Please note that applicants can locate the downloadable application package for this program by the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number, which is 10.870, or FedGrants Funding Opportunity Number, which can be found at <http://www.Grants.gov>.

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act. All applicants, in accordance with 2 CFR part 25, must have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number, which can be obtained at no cost via a toll-free request line at 1-866-705-5711 or online at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. Similarly, in accordance with 2 CFR Part 25, all applicants must be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) prior to submitting an application. Applicants may register for the CCR at <http://www.ccr.gov>, or by calling 1-866-606-8220 and press "1" for CCR and maintain an active CCR registration with current information at all times during which they have an active Federal award or application under consideration by an agency. All recipients of Federal financial assistance are required to report information about first-tier sub-awards and executive total compensation in accordance with 2 CFR part 170.

B. Content and form of submission. An application must contain all of the required elements outlined in 7 CFR 4280.315. Each application must address the applicable scoring criteria presented in 7 CFR 4280.316 for the type of funding being requested.

C. Submission dates and times. The original complete application must be received by the USDA Rural Development State Office no later than 4:30 p.m. local time by the application deadline dates listed above, regardless

of the postmark date, in order to be considered for funds available in that Federal fiscal quarter.

Unless withdrawn by the applicant, completed applications that receive a score of at least 70 (the minimum required to be considered for funding), but have not yet been funded, will be retained by the Agency for consideration in subsequent reviews through a total of four consecutive quarterly reviews. Applications that remain unfunded after four quarterly reviews, including the initial quarter in which the application was competed, will not be considered further for an award.

V. Application Review Information

Awards under this Notice will be made on a competitive basis each Federal fiscal quarter. Each application received in the USDA Rural Development State Office will be reviewed, scored, and ranked to determine if it is consistent with the program requirements. Applications will be scored based on the applicable scoring criteria contained in 7 CFR 4280.316. Failure to address any of the applicable scoring criteria will result in a zero-point score for that section. An application must receive at least 70 points to be considered for funding in the quarter in which it is scored.

VI. Award Administration Information

Successful applicants will receive notification for funding from the USDA Rural Development State Office. Applicants must comply with all applicable statutes and regulations before the award will be approved. Unsuccessful applications will receive notification by mail.

VII. Agency Contacts

For general questions about this Notice, please contact your USDA Rural Development State Office as provided in the Addresses section of this Notice.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-428-602]

Brass Sheet and Strip From Germany: Preliminary Results of the Third Five-Year ("Sunset") Review of the Antidumping Duty Order

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

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 26, 2011.

SUMMARY: On March 1, 2011, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated its third sunset review of the antidumping duty order on brass sheet and strip from Germany, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). The Department is conducting a full sunset review of the order pursuant to 751(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(2)(i). As a result of this sunset review, the Department preliminarily finds that revocation of the antidumping duty order on brass sheet and strip from Germany would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph Shuler or Yasmin Nair, AD/CVD Operations, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1293 and (202) 482-3813, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 1, 2011, the Department initiated the third sunset review of the antidumping duty order on brass sheet and strip from Germany, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. *See Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Review*, 76 FR

11202 (March 1, 2011). The Department received a notice of intent to participate from domestic interested parties, GBC Metals, LLC, of Global Brass and Copper, Inc., doing business as Olin Brass; Heyco Metals, Inc.; Luvata North America, Inc.; PMX Industries, Inc.; Revere Copper Products, Inc.; and International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, United Auto Workers (Local 2367 and Local 1024), and United Steelworkers AFL-CIO CLC (collectively, "Petitioners"), within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i). Petitioners claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act as a manufacturer, producer, or wholesaler in the United States of a domestic like product, and under section 771(9)(D) of the Act as a certified union or recognized union or group of workers representative of an industry engaged in the manufacture, production, or wholesale in the United States of a domestic like product.

On March 31, 2011, the Department received substantive responses from Petitioners. In addition to meeting the requirements specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i), Petitioners provided information on the volume and value of exports of brass sheet and strip from Germany. On March 31, 2011, the Department also received a substantive response from respondent interested parties in Germany, Wieland-Werke AG, Schwermetall Halbzeugwerk GmbH & Co., KG, and Messingwerk Plettenberg Herfeld & Co., KG (collectively, "Respondents"). Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.302(b), Petitioners and Respondents were granted an extension until April 12, 2011, to file rebuttal comments to the substantive responses. These comments were submitted on April 12, 2011.

On April 14, 2011, the Department released U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") data on U.S. imports of brass sheet and strip from Germany to interested parties under the terms of the administrative protective order. On April 25, 2011, Petitioners and Respondents submitted comments on the CBP import data. On May 2, 2011, Petitioners submitted rebuttal comments, and on May 6, 2011, Respondents submitted rebuttal comments. On May 9, 2011, Petitioners submitted surrebuttal comments.

Section 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(A) of the Department's regulations provides that the Secretary normally will conclude that respondent interested parties have adequately responded to a notice of initiation where the Department receives complete substantive responses from respondent interested parties accounting on average for more than 50