



## STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

### **USDA Seeks Applications for Solid Waste Management and Technical Assistance and Training Grants**

(December 1, 2016) – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Under Secretary for Rural Development Lisa Mensah is inviting applications for Solid Waste Management (SWM) and Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) grants. The grants help rural areas reduce or eliminate water pollution, and improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas.

TAT grants can be used to identify and evaluate solutions for water and wastewater problems. The grants may be used for technical assistance to help applicants apply for water and waste grants, and improve the operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities. Recipients of the SWM and TAT grants provide technical assistance and/or training to rural water or wastewater systems and/or solid waste management sites.

Eligible applicants for the SWM program are state and local government entities, private non-profit organizations, federally and state recognized tribes, and academic institutions. Eligible applicants for the TAT program are private, non-profit organizations that serve rural areas. All applications must be received or postmarked before midnight, Eastern Standard Time, on Dec. 31, 2016. USDA will determine the amount available for funding when Congress approves the fiscal year 2017 budget.

For additional details on the program and how to apply, see <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/solid-waste-management-grants>. Applications may be submitted through [Grants.Gov](http://Grants.Gov).