



**Date:** July 29, 2016

**Time:** 1-3:00 p.m. EDT

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**Location:**

USDA Headquarters  
Whitten Building  
Room 107-A  
1400 Jefferson Dr. SW  
Washington DC

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## Rural Business Lending National Stakeholder Forum

### *The Business & Industry Guaranteed Loan Program*

Please join **Doug O'Brien**, Senior Policy Advisor for Rural Affairs, White House Domestic Policy Council, and Rural Business-Cooperative Service Administrator **Sam Ridders** at a national forum to announce the new final rule for the Business & Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program. The forum will highlight major changes to improve program delivery, make the regulations easier to understand, and reduce delinquencies.

B&I program experts will discuss:

- New criteria for non-regulated lender participation
- Expanded program eligibility, and
- Changes to loan servicing requirements

Attendees include:

- Business owners
- Consultants and brokers
- Resource providers
- Lenders
- Banking associations
- Other interested parties

Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions in person or through the webinar interface.

*The B&I program improves the economic health of rural communities by increasing access to capital through loan guarantees. These guarantees enable commercial lenders to provide more affordable financing for businesses in eligible rural areas. The program generally provides a 60-80 percent Federal guarantee against loss depending on the size of the loan.*

**To learn more about the B&I program, visit:**  
[www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees](http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees)

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