



Stakeholder Announcement

USDA Seeks Comment on Ways to Expand Access to Capital for Rural Small Businesses

(November 9, 2016) – United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Rural Development Under Secretary Lisa Mensah announced today that USDA is seeking public comments on the current rules governing the [Rural Business Investment Program](#). The Department would like to identify additional ways to streamline the program’s regulations and expand access to capital for small rural businesses.

The Department is hosting a webinar on November 17, and would like to obtain comments on how the Rural Business Investment Program can be modified to help provide equity for rural businesses.

The webinar will be streamed live. To participate, click on this link:
<https://cc.readytalk.com/r/gpu22rmqt4rz&eom>

Participants are encouraged to use the audio on their computers. Participants without computer access should call (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada) (855) 237-0520, ID/Passcode: 96977771. The webinar starts at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time.