

RBDG APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

The undersigned applicant certifies to the following:

The project will support the development of small and emerging business located in a rural area as defined by RD Instruction 4280-E, and 7.U.S.C 1991 (a) (13) (a) and (d) et seq., and the activities provided under this grant will assist and benefit a rural area.

There is no known relationship or association with a Rural Development employee, their relatives, their business or close personal associates.

No conflict of interest exists as outlined in RD Instruction 4280-E, 4280.406.

We are in compliance with and will continue to comply with all applicable laws; regulations; Executive Orders; and other generally applicable requirements, including those contained in 2 CFR 200 and 2 CFR 400 in effect on the date of grant approval; and the approved "Letter of Conditions".

We will comply with the procurement requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart D, as required in 2 CFR 200.324 (c) (2), as well as comply with all applicable State, Local and Tribal laws and regulations relating to contracting and procurement.

RBDG construction project grants will comply with 7 CFR Part 1924, Subpart A requirements.

If Native American set-aside funds will be used for the project, more than 75 percent of the benefits of the project will be received by members of a federally-recognized Native American Tribe.

If Rural Economic Area Partnership set-aside funds will be used for the project, more than 75 percent of the benefits of the project will be received by residents within the Rural Economic Area Partnership census tract boundaries.

We will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, "Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs," "42 U.S.C 2000d, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act for Federally Conducted Programs and Activities, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," and Executive Order 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations." Compliance shall include collection and maintenance of data on race, sex, and national origin of your membership, ownership, and employees. This data will be made available to Rural Development for Civil Rights Compliance Reviews.

All businesses assisted with grant funds will be at least 51% owned by U.S. citizens or resident aliens (person legally admitted for permanent residence).

Applicant Name

Name & Title of Authorized Representative

Signature

Date