USDA Rural Development

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MPPEP Phase 1	MPPEP Phase 2
No formatting guidance provided	Among other things, page limits and font styles apply
No minimum grant\$25 million maximum grant	\$250,000 minimum grant\$10 million maximum grant
80 percent cost share(20 percent federal portion)	70 percent cost share(30 percent federal portion)
Pre-application project expenses included	Project expenses are limited to the grant period of performance (POP)
Feasibility study is required for all	Feasibility study is required only for a specific business stage
Aggregated scoring criteria	Same scoring criteria, but disaggregated
No "Build America, Buy America Act" (BABAA) requirements	BABAA requirements apply
Further processing without slaughter	Further processing AND slaughter
Further processing is isolated from the "Top 4 processors" requirement	Further processing takes into account the "Top 4 processors" requirement

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