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ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Meeting of the Assembly of the Administrative Conference

AGENCY: Administrative Conference of the United States (the Conference).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Assembly of the Administrative Conference of the United States to consider particular organizational matters related to the functions of the Conference, and to consider a proposed recommendation for improved agency procedures in considering regulations that may preempt state law. To facilitate public participation, the Conference is inviting public comment on the recommendation that will be considered at the meeting, to be submitted in writing no later than December 3, 2010.

DATES: Meeting dates are Thursday, December 9, 2010, 2 to 5:30 p.m.; and Friday, December 10, 2010, 9 a.m. to noon. Comments on the recommendation must be received by Friday, December 3, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Meeting will be held at the William G. McGowan Theater, National Archives and Records Administration building, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20408-0001. Submit comments to either of the following:

(1) *E-mail:* comments@acus.gov, with "Plenary Preemption Recommendation" in the subject line; or

(2) *Mail:* Plenary Preemption Recommendation Comments, Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Rafferty, Designated Federal Officer, Administrative Conference of

the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036; Telephone 202-480-2082. [Note: this is not a toll free number.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Administrative Conference of the United States makes recommendations to administrative agencies, the President, Congress, and the Judicial Conference of the United States regarding the improvement of Federal administrative procedures. (5 U.S.C. 594). The objectives of these recommendations are to ensure that private rights may be fully protected and regulatory activities and other Federal responsibilities may be carried out expeditiously in the public interest to: promote more effective public participation and efficiency in the rulemaking process, reduce unnecessary litigation in the regulatory process, improve the use of science in the regulatory process, and improve the effectiveness of laws applicable to the regulatory process (5 U.S.C. 591).

The membership of the Conference meeting in plenary session constitutes the Assembly of the Conference (5 U.S.C. 595). The Assembly will meet in plenary session to consider a proposed recommendation on Federal agency preemption of state law.

The Assembly will also consider revised bylaws and set staggered terms for its public (non-government) members. New members will be sworn in at the outset of the plenary session. The agenda will include breakout sessions to discuss future topics for Conference study.

This meeting will be open to the public and may end prior to the designated end time if business is concluded earlier. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in person, subject to space limitations; and the Conference will also provide remote public access to the meeting. Anyone who wishes to attend the meeting in person is asked to RSVP to comments@acus.gov, no later than December 7, 2010, in order to facilitate entry. Members of the public who attend the meetings of the full Assembly, may be permitted to speak only at the discretion of the Chairman, with unanimous approval of the members. The Conference welcomes the attendance of the public and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special

needs. An interpreter will be provided for the hearing impaired. If you need additional special accommodations due to disability, please inform the Designated Federal Officer no later than 7 days in advance of the meeting using the contact information provided above.

Members of the public may submit written comments on the Preemption Recommendation to either of the addresses listed above no later than December 3, 2010. A copy of the recommendation and information on remote access will be available at <http://www.acus.gov>. All comments will be delivered to the Designated Federal Officer listed on this notice. The Designated Federal Officer will post all comments that relate to the Plenary Preemption Recommendation on the Conference's Web site after the close of the comment period.

Dated: November 18, 2010.

Paul R. Verkuil,
Chairman.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Notice of Public Meeting of the Committee on Administration

AGENCY: Administrative Conference of the United States.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Administrative Conference of the United States will host a public meeting of the Committee on Administration of the Assembly of the Conference on Thursday, December 9, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to consider a draft recommendation on the application of ethics rules to government contractors and their employees. To facilitate public participation, the Administrative Conference is inviting public comment on the report and recommendation to be considered at the meeting, to be submitted in writing no later than December 6, 2010.

DATES: Meeting to be held December 9, 2010. Comments must be received by December 6, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Meeting to be held at Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC

20036. Submit comments to either of the following:

- (1) *E-mail: Comments@acus.gov*, with "Ethics Rules" in the subject line; or
- (2) *Mail: Ethics Rules Comments*, Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Reeve T. Bull, Designated Federal Officer, Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036; Telephone 202-480-2083.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) is charged with developing recommendations for the improvement of Federal administrative procedures (5 U.S.C. 591).

The Conference has engaged a Professor of Law at Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, Kathleen Clark, to research and prepare a report regarding whether ethics regulations analogous to those applicable to government employees should apply to government contractors and, if so, how such regulations should be imposed (the "Ethics Report"). A copy of the Ethics Report is available at <http://www.acus.gov>. The Committee on Administration met on November 3, 2010 to discuss the Ethics Report and the broader issue of whether and how the regulations applicable to government contractors and their employees should be expanded.

From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on December 9, 2010, the committee will discuss a draft recommendation based on the Ethics Report and on the discussion from the first meeting. A copy of the draft recommendation will be made available at <http://www.acus.gov> prior to the December 9, 2010 meeting. This meeting will be open to the public and may end prior to 11 a.m. if business is concluded prior to that time. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in person, subject to space limitations, and the Conference will also provide remote public access to the meeting.

Anyone who wishes to attend the meeting in person is asked to RSVP to Comments@acus.gov. Remote access information will be posted on the Conference's Web site, <http://www.acus.gov>, by no later than December 6, 2010 and will also be available by the same date by calling the phone number listed above. Members of the public who attend the Committee's meeting may be permitted to speak only at the discretion of the Committee Chair, with unanimous approval of the

Committee. The Conference welcomes the attendance of the public and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please inform the Designated Federal Officer no later than 7 days in advance of the meeting using the contact information provided above.

Members of the public may submit written comments on the report and recommendation to either of the addresses listed above no later than December 6, 2010. All comments will be delivered to the Designated Federal Officer listed on this notice. The Designated Federal Officer will post all comments that relate to the report and/or recommendation on the Conference's Web site after the close of the comments period.

Dated: November 18, 2010.

Paul R. Verkuil,
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), invites comments on this information collection for which the Agency intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 24, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michele L. Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 5159-S, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-1078, FAX: (202) 720-8435. E-mail Michele.Brooks@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and

recordkeeping activities (*see* 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that the Agency is submitting to OMB for extension. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Michele L. Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 5159 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-1078, FAX: (202) 720-8435.

Title: 7 CFR Part 1783, "Revolving Fund Program."

OMB Control Number: 0572-0138.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Rural Development supports the sound development of rural communities and the growth of our economy without endangering the environment. Rural Development provides financial and technical assistance to help communities bring safe drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound waste disposal facilities to rural Americans in greatest need.

The Revolving Fund Program (RFP) has been established to assist communities with water or wastewater systems. Qualified private non-profit organizations will receive RFP grant funds to establish a lending program for eligible entities. Eligible entities for the revolving loan fund will be the same entities eligible to obtain a loan, loan guarantee, or grant from Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal and Wastewater loan and grant programs. As grant recipients, the non-profit organizations will set up a revolving loan fund to provide loans to finance predevelopment costs of water or wastewater projects, or short-term small capital projects not part of the regular operation and maintenance of current water and wastewater systems.