



Rural Housing and Economic Development Call for Proposals

Overview and Issue

NARDeP (National Agriculture and Rural Development Policy Center) seeks proposals for a book chapter and policy brief describing research and/or outreach programs that address problems associated with housing and economic development in rural areas of the United States. Inadequate housing in many rural areas tends to impair opportunities for healthy living and suppresses economic development. We have special interest on work from the disciplines of economics, family and consumer science, planning, sociology or related fields relative to:

1. The availability of affordable, safe and stable housing for vulnerable populations, especially those residing in rural areas, areas of persistent poverty, and in Native American communities.
2. The connection between adequate, affordable, quality housing stock and economic development and economic resilience among rural populations, and vice versa.
3. The development of programs to increase the health and safety of homes and improve energy efficiency.
4. Analysis of homelessness in different county types along the rural-urban continuum.

Expected Output

Persons whose proposals are accepted will be asked to do the following:

1. Write a book chapter of less than 8,000 words. This will be due on January 31, 2016. Some or all of the Regional Rural Development Center Directors will serve as editors in compiling the chapters provided by all participants into a book. The directors will then seek a publisher for this book.
2. Write a NARDeP policy brief. The policy brief will provide a forum for you to succinctly state the major policy outcomes described in your chapter. This will be due February 29, 2016. Please see nardep.info for examples of published policy briefs. If accepted, you will receive submission guidelines for the policy brief.
3. Potentially serve with the Regional Rural Development Center Directors in forming a task force to explore ways to advance efforts across research, teaching, and Extension in this realm.

Proposal Submission Guidelines

Proposals are due by close of business Monday, September 21, 2015.

The items listed below are required to complete and submit your proposal. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

1. Email ONE document to don.albrech@usu.edu and include the following pages in the order listed:
 - i. Author's Name and daytime contact information including telephone number, email address, job title, organization, mailing address
 - ii. Title of your proposal (limited to 12 words)
 - iii. Abstract describing your proposal and not to exceed 500 words
 - iv. Author's Vita (summary version, not to exceed two pages)

Deadline for Submissions

Submissions are due by close of business Monday, September 21, 2015.
Selected authors will be notified on or before Friday, October 16, 2015.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated by the Regional Rural Development Center Directors based upon their quality, relevance to at least one of the four issues listed under 'Overview and Issues,' and author experience and qualifications.

Questions

Please direct your questions regarding this Call for Proposals to:
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Background

NARDeP is a policy research center organized by the Regional Rural Development Centers (RRDC). NARDeP develops products that are scientifically sound and politically neutral to assist policy makers in making decisions. Visit nardep.info for more information.