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USDA Public Meeting on Implementation of Farm Bill Energy Title

On August 26, 2008, the USDA Rural Business Cooperative Service announced a public meeting on September 4 to gather input, comments, and suggestions regarding the implementation of new authorizations under Title IX (Energy) of the recently passed Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008. The meeting, entitled "Expanding Rural Renewable Energy Opportunities – Inviting a Dialogue with the Public on the new authorities of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-234)", will focus on implementation of a number of new programs, including Biorefinery Assistance (Sec. 9003), Repowering Assistance (Sec. 9004), Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels (Sec. 9005), Rural Energy for America Program (Sec. 9007), Rural Energy Self-Sufficiency Initiative (Sec. 9009), Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) (Sec. 9011), Forest Biomass for Energy (Sec. 9012), and the Community Woody Energy Program (Sec. 9013).

The meeting will be held in the Jefferson Auditorium, South Agriculture Building, between 8:30 am and 4 pm EST. Presentations will be limited to no more than 10 minutes in duration. To participate, please see the notice in the federal register or contact Robin Robinson at 202.690.4730 or robin.robinson@wdc.usda.gov. In addition to providing an oral statement at the meeting (10 minutes or less), written comments can be submitted.

[Federal Register Notice](#)

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of a Public Meeting on Implementation of Title IX, Energy
Authorities of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Business and Cooperative Programs, an Agency in the Rural Development Mission Area of the United States Department of Agriculture, will hold a public meeting September 4, 2008, entitled "Expanding Rural Renewable Energy Opportunities--Inviting a Dialogue with the Public on the new authorities of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-234) ('the Act')." The purpose of this event is to gather public comments and suggestions on how to implement certain new authorities authorized under Title IX of the Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2008. Registration will start at 8 a.m.; the program will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 4 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Jefferson Auditorium, South Agriculture Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Participants should enter the building through the 5th wing entrance of the South Building located on Independence Avenue between 12th and 14th Street. Valid photo identification is required for clearance by building security personnel.

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