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General Comment

1. What is the proposal about?

This proposal is to implement Section 6025, Strategic Economic and Community Development, under the Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill). This proposal enables the Secretary of Agriculture to provide priority to projects that support Strategic Economic and Community Development plans. Section 6025 enables the Secretary of Agriculture to reserve up to 10 percent of program funds from certain Rural Development programs. The projects under from which the funds are reserved has the priority to get the fund. Most important, these projects should only be carried out in rural areas.

2. Desirability of the solution

a. Do we need this?

Yes, we need this solution.

b. Why or why not? (Justify your answer with facts)

Agriculture has a great economic impact on U.S economy. Agriculture not only makes an important contribution to the economic growth but also create new jobs for local communities. However, unbalanced development has happened between rural areas and urban areas. More and more people want to quit the jobs that related to the agriculture because they can find higher payment jobs in the city.

c. Will it solve the problem?

Yes, it will solve the problem.

d. Why or why not? (Justify your answer with facts)

The proposed program is made to provide stable fund to help the agriculture development. In particular, projects must be carried out solely in rural areas. That is why I support this program because it help farmers to strengthen agricultural sector and promoting the economy in the further. In addition, this program can bring stability to the agricultural workforce.

3. Qualifications of the proposer

a. Can the writer or his/her company/govt. really deliver?

Yes, the government can really deliver.

b. Why or why not? (Justify your answer with facts)

This rule was issued by Rural Development which is under control Department of Agriculture. The goal of USDA Rural Development is to help improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. Through USDA Rural Developments programs, they help rural Americans in many ways and try to solve the problem of unbalanced development between rural areas and urban areas. The new program focuses on helping framers and bringing the benefits to rural America. The program not only provide the economic opportunity to rural areas but also help to build the community facilities and infrastructure.

4. Return on investment

a. Is the expense, whether time or money necessary?

The expense is necessary.

b. Why or why not? (Justify your answer with facts)

It is a long-term program that integrates targeted investments across communities and regions. The expense that should be spent on the program is worthwhile. The cost for an individual applicant to apply for reserved funding is no more than \$300 if the applicant complete the specific form on average 9 hours per form. It is a good balance for the applicants and rural communities to foster an environment of increased collaboration. This program focus on the unique strengths of the rural area to support successful community and economic development. It will not cost too much to make a stable rural workforce.