

(b) Obligation of the Federal Government

Neither the approval of any application nor the award of any Federal assistance commits or obligates the United States in any way to provide further support of a project or any portion thereof.

(c) Applicable Federal Statutes and Regulations That Apply

Federal statutes and regulations that apply to Federal assistance proposals considered for review or grants awarded under the Program include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 7 CFR part 1.1—USDA Implementation of the Freedom of Information Act;
- 7 CFR part 1b—USDA Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act;
- 7 CFR part 3—USDA Implementation of OMB Circular A-129 regarding debt collection;
- 7 CFR part 15, Subpart A—USDA Implementation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- 7 CFR part 3015—USDA Uniform Federal Assistance Regulations,

implementing OMB directives (i.e., Circular Nos. A-110, A-21, and A-122) and incorporating provisions of 31 U.S.C. 6301-6308 (formerly, the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977, Pub. L. 95-224), as well as general policy requirements applicable to recipients of Departmental financial assistance;

- 7 CFR part 3016—USDA Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments;

- 7 CFR part 3017—USDA Implementation of Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants);

- 7 CFR part 3018—USDA Implementation of New Restrictions on Lobbying. Imposes prohibitions and requirements for disclosure and certification related to lobbying on recipients of Federal contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, and loans;

- 7 CFR part 3051—Audits of Institutions of Higher Education and Other Nonprofit Institutions, implementing OMB Circular A-133, regarding audits of institutions of higher education and other nonprofit institutions;

- 29 U.S.C. 794, Section 504—Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and 7 CFR part 15B (USDA implementation of the statute), prohibiting discrimination based upon physical or mental handicap in Federally assisted programs; and,

- 35 U.S.C. 200, et seq. Bayh-Dole Act controlling allocation of rights to inventions made by employees of small business firms and domestic nonprofit organizations, including universities, in Federally assisted programs (implementing regulations are contained in 37 CFR part 401).

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