TO: State Director, Rural Development
    Hilo, Hawaii

    State Director, Rural Development
    San Juan, Puerto Rico

ATTN: Business Programs Directors

SUBJECT: Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program
         Farm Bill Rural Area Definition

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:

The purpose of this Administrative Notice (AN) is to implement a provision of the 2008 Farm Bill as it relates to the rural area definition for the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program, the Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program, and the Rural Business Opportunity Grant Program for the State of Hawaii and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:

This replaces RD AN No. 4535 (1942-G, 4279-B, and 4284-G), dated August 20, 2010, which expired August 31, 2011.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

Section 6018 of the 2008 Farm Bill, subparagraph (G), states: “Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, within the areas of the County of Honolulu, Hawaii, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Secretary may designate any part of the areas as a rural area if the Secretary determines that the part is not urban in character, other than any area included in the Honolulu Census Designated Place or the San Juan Census Designated Place.”

EXPIRATION DATE: December 31, 2012

FILING INSTRUCTIONS: Preceding RD Instructions 1942-G, 4279-B, and 4284-G
For the State of Hawaii, all areas within the State are considered rural and eligible for Business Programs assistance, except for the Honolulu Census Designated Place (CDP) within the County of Honolulu.

For the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the island is considered rural and eligible for Business Programs assistance, except for the San Juan CDP and any other CDP with greater than 50,000 inhabitants. CDPs with greater than 50,000 inhabitants, other than the San Juan CDP, may be determined to be eligible if they are “not urban in character.” Any such requests from the State Office must be forwarded to the National Office, Business and Industry Division, with supporting documentation as to why the area is “not urban in character” for review, analysis, and decision by the Administrator, Business and Cooperative Programs.

If you have any questions, please contact the Business and Industry Division at (202) 690-4103 or the Specialty Programs Division at (202) 720-1400.

(Signed by JUDITH A. CANALES)

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